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CFL superfan Connie Fekete is geared up to watch the Calgary Stampeders open their season against the Montreal Alouettes on Saturday. Kickoff goes at 1 p.m. at McMahon Stadium. Check page 63 for a game preview and metronews.ca for the game recap. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

CBE makes a $40M pitch for 'mini-schools'

Desperate situation. School board seeing unprecedented student surge in suburbs

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Calgary public-school officials have made a pitch to the province to the tune of $40 million for a mix of mini-schools, modulars and design work as they cope with unprecedented student growth in suburban neighbourhoods.

Metro learned exclusive details of the potentially precedent-setting Calgary Board of Education proposal Thursday. A number of sources said it was formally approved by elected trustees Tuesday following a private meeting and has been sent to Alberta Education for review.

None of the projects have been approved. They are aimed at addressing space crunches in communities where the greatest needs exist but no permanent schools have been greenlighted.

The CBE is requesting the province establish modular-based "mini-schools" that would accommodate 250 students in the communities of Aspen Woods, Cranston, Saddle Ridge and West Springs, sources said.

The sites could then conceivably be attached to permanent schools requested in the board's capital plan if and when they're approved by the province.

The CBE has also requested six modulars for the already-existing Westgate School, which would serve as a stopgap measure until Spanish-program students at the crammed site move to a permanent home in Glenmeadows, likely in 2016.

Without those modulars, it appeared Westgate's Spanish students would be sent to the Viscount Bennett Centre for a year, but union officials recently told Metro that mould was found in at least three classrooms at that facility and that the entire structure could soon be condemned.

Larry Leach, chair of the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools, gave credit to the CBE for "thinking outside the box" as it grapples with an anticipated increase of 3,000 or more students each year for the foreseeable future.

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Report

Thousands still waiting for flood disaster claims

Thousands of people are still waiting for their disaster recovery claim payments a year after devastating floods hit 30 communities in southern Alberta.

A report into the provincial government's response to the June 2013 disaster shows that less than half of 10,486 claims have been paid out at a cost of about $75 million.

More than 2,800 claims for financial compensation are still being processed and another 3,600 claims have been declared ineligible or have been withdrawn.

Municipal Affairs Minister Greg Weadick said the extent of the damage, insurance issues, flood mitigation plans and appeals have slowed the process.

"The government of Alberta really has stepped up quickly to try to alleviate as much of the stress as possible for the citizens," Weadick said Thursday.

"For some they are still in the process of making a decision about whether they are going to move out of the floodway, (whether) to rebuild, whether they are going to repair."

The report says about 160 homeowners are eligible for a program that will pay them to move out of the flood zone. So far, 78 have accepted offers at a cost of $81.5 million. The others have expressed interest.

Weadick said the government doesn't want to rush people who face such a big decision in hard-hit communities such as Calgary and High River.

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Rob Carlson speaks to reporters about the slayings of his 59-year-old brother, Don, and 56-year-old sister-in-law, Roxanne. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

$25K offered for tips in double homicide case

'Unimaginable' loss. Don and Roxanne Carlson were found dead by firefighters on Feb. 15 in their Lake Bonavista home

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Friends of a long-time married couple found dead in their Lake Bonavista home are putting up a $25,000 cash reward for tips in the mysterious slaying.

Police say Don and Roxanne Carlson were killed by "an unknown individual or group of individuals" who entered their bungalow on Lake Erie Road SE in February.

A family member addressed reporters for the first time Thursday, calling the loss "unimaginable" — especially for the couple's three children, who are young adults.

"In the upcoming days, months and years, there will be many special occasions and milestones we will experience together as a family, but we will always feel the emptiness of those loved ones taken from us and that they will not be here to share them," said Rob Carlson, Don's brother.

Police say the motive is unknown at this point.

Firefighters found the couple dead February 15 after being called for a carbon monoxide complaint.

Investigators have ruled out CO-gas poisoning as a factor, but have not yet released a cause of death.

A team of detectives has collected an "overwhelming amount of data and evidence," according to a police-issued news release.

The Calgary Police Commission — a civilian agency — is tasked with being the "sole arbiter" of the reward, which may be divvied up.

"We don't deal with rewards very, very often," Insp. Steve Barlow told reporters.

Barlow remained relatively tight-lipped at the press briefing, although he repeatedly stressed the need for the public to come forward with more information.

Contact police

- Police urge anyone with information to email homicidetips@calgarypolice.ca or phone 403-428-8877.
- Crime Stoppers also offers a cash reward up to $2,000 and can be reached through its tip line: 1-800-222-8477.
- The reward offer expires on June 30, 2015.

Lukaszuk. Minister urged to 'stand down' in discipline dispute with teachers

Alberta's education minister has overstepped in an ongoing war of words with union representatives over disciplining bad-apple teachers, charges a Tory leadership candidate.

Thomas Lukaszuk was referring to criticism from current education boss Jeff Johnson after it was revealed that a committee organized by the Alberta Teachers' Association had recommended suspensions — as opposed to outright terminations — for teachers guilty of infractions of a sexual or violent nature involving students.

One case involved a teacher having sex with an adult student on multiple occasions, and another saw an instructor give his pupil an "assignment" to masturbate in the shower and then describe the details to him.

Lukaszuk, one of three men vying to be premier of the province and, in turn, Johnson's boss, said he believes the adversarial relationship with teachers that has formed isn't best for students.

When asked what he would advise Johnson to do, Lukaszuk replied, "My marching order would be simple — stand down."

Thomas Lukaszuk
METRO FILE

In an Edmonton speech Thursday, fellow candidate and perceived front-runner Jim Prentice took aim at a report generated by a provincial teacher task force that led to initial conversations about discipline.

He said he would take a look at the report and "work in a respectful way with teachers and the ATA."

Prentice added, "It is my belief that the people who truly know what is in the best interests of schoolchildren are their parents."

The camp for a third candidate, Ric McIver, hadn't responded to an inquiry related to the teacher task force at press time. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

YYC. Airport to welcome first flights on new runway

Some lucky pilot will be the first to land on a new Calgary runway 35 years in the making Saturday.

The Calgary International Airport expects the first flight will be directed to the new parallel runway around 2 p.m. It's anticipated the 4.2-kilometre span — the longest in Canada — will boost the number of per-hour incoming and outbound planes by 30 per cent, according to Doug Francoeur, director of airfield compliance.

It's not clear which flight will be first to land, but it's believed frequent fliers will almost immediately notice the impact of the runway as the airport moves away from an "X" configuration to having parallel strips.

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School drops Redmen team name and logo

Athletics. Western Canada High School adopts new identity as Redhawks following yearlong consultation

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Calgary's Western Canada High School has followed through on a pledge to drop its racially charged Redmen sports-team moniker and logo despite fielding equal support for and against the move.

Starting this fall, Western's athletics will be known as the Redhawks and don new jerseys with a menacing bird logo in place of an image depicting a First Nations man.

Critics have charged the Redmen name and logo is derogatory, but Western's principal Kim Hackman conceded Thursday he also was met with a groundswell of opposition to changing the school's longtime athletics identity.

"There are definitely mixed feelings, I think," he said.

"This has been a continuous issue for a number of years."

The transition from Redmen to Redhawks is identical — down to the names of the sports teams — to a move undertaken by Saskatoon's Bedford Road Collegiate earlier this year.

The National Football League's Washington Redskins franchise has also been under intense public pressure to change its name, and just this week it had six of its federal trademark registrations cancelled by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

But debate over Western's Redmen even appears to have divided members of Calgary's First Nations community.

In March, Metro surveyed seven people from varying aboriginal backgrounds and found some deemed the name offensive, others saw it as being a non-offensive symbol of strength, and one person claimed it was much ado about nothing.

Western Canada High School principal Kim Hackman, left, and student Mihnea Nitu show off the school's new Redmen logo Thursday. Nitu was among the students to serve on a committee that steered efforts to drop the school's Redmen sports-team moniker and logo. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Details

- Changing Western Canada High School's gym floor to reflect the Redhawks logo and purchasing new jerseys and other materials for the transition away from the current Redmen identity will cost roughly $200,000, according to principal Kim Hackman.
- Other options considered were the Western Canada Rockies, the Wild and just going without a moniker.

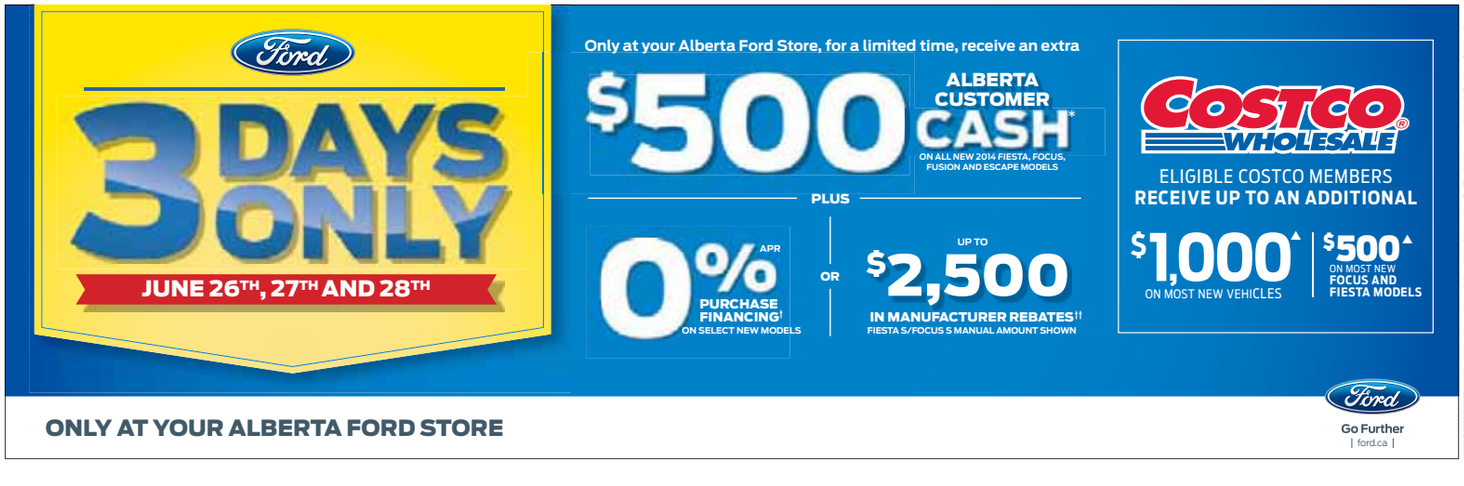
Grade 10 Western student Maya Liepert, who played on the school volleyball team, said it's sad to lose a bit of the school's tradition. She did vouch support, however, for fresh-pressed Redhawks uniforms that are free of rips and odours from past athletes.

"I could see why some people think it's offensive," she said. "I think, as athletes on the teams, we saw it as more of a symbol of pride and strength."

The change announced Thursday followed a yearlong consultation that included administrators, teachers, students, parents and members of the First Nations community, Hackman said.

A Facebook page called Keep Western Canada Redmen had been supported by nearly 1,500 people.

Hackman said students will not be discouraged from wearing any Redmen apparel they may have to class.



Cam Dobranski, right, owner of Winebar and Brasserie Kensington, stands with general manager Matthew Leslie at their new Container Bar in the adjacent alley. JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO

Kids drink out of juice boxes, adults go to Container Bar

Kensington. Creators saw opportunity in a 'derelict' alleyway

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City permit freshly in hand, Cam Dobranski plans to open Calgary's newest bar out of a metal shipping container in a Kensington alley next week.

Dubbed simply "Container Bar," the concept appears to be the first of its kind in the city.

Dobranski, who owns the neighbouring Winebar and Brasserie Kensington, said the idea came from his long-standing desire to provide patrons with an outdoor drinking area.

"Kensington's a pretty slow neighbourhood in the summer, especially if you don't have a patio," he said. "So I've been racking my brain for years on how I could get a patio."

So-called "pop-up patios" that encroach on the front sidewalk were one option, but Dobranski said he didn't want to cut into pedestrian space.

The adjacent alley, meanwhile, was going unused — "derelict" even, Dobranski said.

Then last year, Winebar general manager and sommelier Matthew Leslie came up with a possible solution.

"He lived in Melbourne for a time and told me, 'There's these places where they have these containers in alleys and they're super busy and super cool. Like, why don't we do that?'" Dobranski said.

The two have been working at turning the dream into a reality since last November, but have run into what Dobranski described as a lot of red tape from city hall.

"The city made it really expensive and painful," he said Thursday morning, while still waiting on a final permit.

Ironclad design?

The bar is essentially a 100-square-foot piece of metal with a window cut out of it and a patio space out front, but the city still requires an engineering evaluation to ensure the structure is safe.

- "We still need consideration as to how it's going to be anchored, how it's fastened and what the strength of the building will be," said chief building official Marco Civitarese.

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Zoo ‘exactly back’ at pre-flood number of memberships

Close to 70,000. New animals, new facilities on top of renovations help boost optimism

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Calgarians have roared back to the zoo, as membership levels have risen back to pre-flood levels.

“We’re exactly back to where we were before,” Calgary Zoo president Dr. Clément Lanthier said Thursday.

“We have 69,000 members in our city of just over a million people,” he added. “I think that’s significant.”

After last year’s disastrous flood, many of the animals in the zoo had to be evacuated and many of the buildings were damaged.

Calgary Zoo president Dr. Clément Lanthier METRO

Boasting

“I would say that the zoo is 120 per cent open.”
Zoo president Dr. Clément Lanthier

Twelve months later, Lanthier said the zoo is back in full swing.

“We not only regained our membership pre-flood, not only completed the renovation, we have added a lot of new animals, new facilities.”

Among those new facilities is Grazers restaurant, which opened to the public Thursday.

The zoo also recently added komodo dragons and a rhinoceros.

The show must go on

Adam Lambert and Queen guitarist Brian May rocked the Saddledome Thursday night as part of the Queen + Adam Lambert North American tour. Lambert stepped in to fill the lead-singer role left by the late Freddie Mercury. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Sex assault conviction

Text messages insufficient evidence: Court

The Alberta Court of Appeal has overturned a Calgary teenager’s sex assault conviction because the verdict was based mainly on evidence from text messages.

The Appeal Court ruled the conviction could not stand because text messages are hearsay.

The high court ordered a new trial for the youth, who was 17 at the time, and who claimed he had consensual sex with a 15-year-old girl.

The trial judge heard that in January 2012 the boy and girl spent the day together and ended up having sex in the youth’s car.

The trial judge ruled the victim’s text messages about being scared and being made to do things she really didn’t want to do were credible and truthful.

The defence argued the Crown only asked to enter the texts to refresh the girl’s memory — not to establish the truth of what happened. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Amateur players like these will have more options on where they play with Calgary piloting a house hockey league in 2014-15. METRO FILE

Minor hockey testing league without any standings or playoffs

On the ice. Yearlong pilot program will be available to city players at novice and atom levels

Three minor hockey associations are offering youngsters a chance to play in a league that doesn't keep track of standings, individual statistics or host playoffs.

The year-long pilot program — familiar to some as house-league hockey — will be available to city players at the novice and atom levels.

Hockey Calgary executive director Kevin Kobelka said the goal is to "indoctrinate" players in Canada's favourite game. He admitted: "The standard, traditional model isn't keeping everybody in the game."

At a glance

- Calgary's house hockey season would span early October to February.
- Players would be placed on teams through a one-day tryout.
- Bow River offers an independent novice house league, which will be expanded next season to include atom-level players.

"We're finding people are shying away from hockey because of the time commitment and cost commitment," Kobelka told Metro.

Players under 11 years old would hit the ice twice per week, roughly half as often as their community-level colleagues. Parents would also save an estimated $300 to $400, according to Kobelka.

West-side associations Glenlake, Trails West and Springbank have signed on for the inaugural test run. Officials hope to get at least two or three teams from each club to play each other.

It's clearly not for everyone.

Hockey mom Tonalee Andrews has a 10-year-old boy who craves the competitive game and loves playing in tournaments. "He's a real sports nut," Andrews said. "Maybe in a few years house hockey may be better — we know most kids aren't going to the NHL, so it's not that."

"I like playing and winning," chimed in Aaron, who currently suits up for Trails West.

Kobelka hopes players will move on to play in a more traditional community stream after getting a taste for the game.

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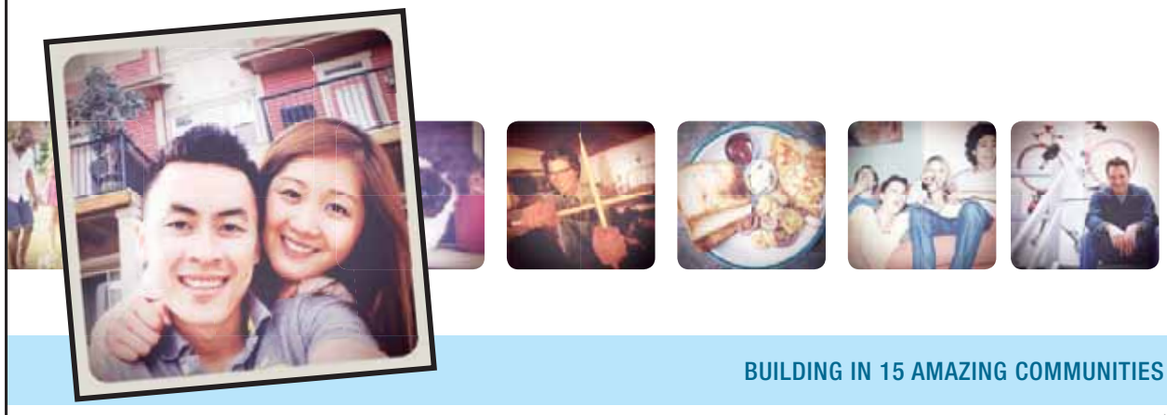

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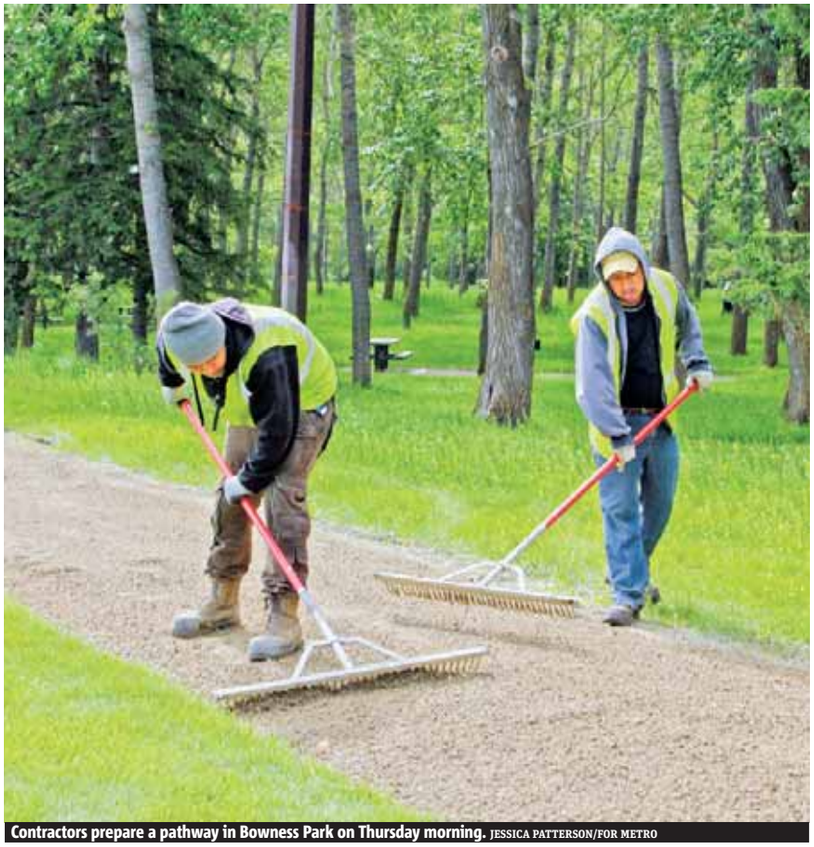

Contractors prepare a pathway in Bowness Park on Thursday morning. JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO

Bowness to reopen by end of the year: Parks manager

On track. Accessible upgrades, added parking and flood resiliency

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Flood-ravaged Bowness Park is on track to open by the end of the year, according to the city's parks manager.

Doug Marter said the restoration is "50 to 60 per cent complete," while offering reporters a tour of the work in progress Thursday morning.

The city was halfway through a major renovation of the park last year when the floodwaters rose.

"We got hit very hard last June, and we're still in the process of getting the flood damage cleaned up and getting the construction back on track," Marter said. "We hauled probably 4,000 tonnes of silt, if not more, out of the park."

There is still no electricity in the park and washrooms aren't yet up and running.

The city is also building flood resiliency into the park for the future.

A new central lot near the main entrance will also allow for more parking than before.

"On busy weekends, we would run out of parking," Marter said, as a dump truck rolled by.

Accessible pathways lead to new and enhanced picnic areas. The park playground was rebuilt, and a new accessible playground for children with mobility issues will be established, as well.

Coun. Ward Sutherland said Bowness Park is one of the city's oldest and most popular.

"(The park) can see 20,000 people on a busy day," he said. "It's one of the most-used parks in the city."

Sutherland, who has lived in Calgary for 50 years and regularly visited Bowness Park as a child, said he gets calls every day from constituents who "want to use the park as fast as they can."

Flood restoration

3,700 tonnes of riprap have been used to shore up the park's riverbanks.

- Parks manager Doug Marter expects another 500 to 1,000 tonnes will be added.

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‘Urgent.’ Parks Canada to repair six bridges in Banff, Yoho and Jasper

Parks Canada is seeking “urgent” repairs to six bridge structures on or above highways in the mountain parks west of Calgary and says it will work to minimize delays to summer motorists.

The national agency put out a tender this month for a contractor capable of performing “urgent bridge repairs in Banff, Jasper and Yoho National Parks” on a short deadline.

The tender stipulates that the work “must be completed” by Oct. 31.

Parks Canada communications officer Tania Peters said “no one event” led to the bridges being damaged and the repairs are all part of regular life-cycle maintenance.

“Public safety is a top priority for parks Canada, and as is normal with all infrastructure after many years of use, repairs need to be made to ensure that the structures remain safe and stable for many more years to come,” she told Metro in an email.

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Trans-Canada, Highway 16

Four of the structures are located on the Trans-Canada Highway, according to Parks Canada communications officer Tania Peters, including the Minnewanka interchange, the Sunshine overpass, and a wildlife underpass in Banff, as well as the Kicking Horse River Bridge in Yoho National Park.

- The other two are on Highway 16 in Jasper: the Athabasca River Bridge West and the Miette River Bridge.
- The tender closes July 3.

GAY RODEO, FREE FOLK MUSIC, ALPINE PUTT-PUTT MAKE A GREAT STAYCATION

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We all know that the idea of having a stay-cation is often a great way of having fun without breaking the bank. But, if you’ve lived in a city for any great amount of time, finding things that are both inexpensive and new can be pretty challenging.

Luckily, my disdain for spending any significant amount of money and my aversion to lines consisting of more than five people have forced me to find fun things to do in Calgary without dropping a fortune. Here are some of my favourite activities that you might not know about.

If you find the prices of Stampede a bit jarring, then you should check out this weekend’s Gay Rodeo. Well, technically it’s the Canadian Rockies International Rodeo and Music Festival, but for all intents and purposes it’s a Gay Rodeo.

In an interview earlier this week, MLA and PC leadership candidate Ric McIver told me he’d be going, marking the first time he’s ever been to an LGTBQ event. But, if he thinks he’ll be covered in pink boas and be forced to ride a bull while singing along to Madonna songs, he might be disappointed.

We went for the first time last year and were actually sort of disappointed at how much it was just like a regular rodeo. But maybe that’s the point, isn’t it? The $10 admission fee was a welcome change, as was the ability to walk around Strathmore’s rodeo grounds without quite literally feeling like you’re in a stampede.

I know what you’re thinking: “Mike, you told us you’re cheap. We want cheaper than $10!” No problem!

Did you know that the Calgary Folk Music Festival is going to have a free stage this year? After last year’s flood, the festival was forced to move one of the stages temporarily to Eau Claire Market. Smartly, they’ve decided to keep it around and this year’s stage will feature artists like Old Man Luedecke, Sonic Titan, Matt Patershuk and Chad VanGaalen. What’s even better is that you’re closer to actual washrooms, a luxury for those stuck on Prince’s Island Park.

But what about the “athletically inclined?” I’ve got you covered, too.

For as long as I’ve lived in Calgary, I’ve longed for a really good game of mini-golf. I don’t know why it took me so long to find a good place to practise my putt-putt, but between the zip-line and the luge, WinSport actually has one of my favourite mini-golf courses ever. It’s challenging because you’re basically playing on a mountain, but it’s also relaxing and fun because you’re playing on a course surrounded by small waterfalls.

Speaking of the Skyline Luge, it’s actually the most fun thing to do in Calgary, but I don’t want it to become well known because it’ll make playing real life Mario Kart with my friends a lot harder.

Mike Morrison tweets from @mikesbloggity and talks about his column every Friday morning on KoolFM.

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Hard to forget. Redford's trip planner had $330K in expenses: Documents

An Alberta Tory leadership candidate says Alison Redford needs to consider whether she's fit to serve as a member of the legislature given revelations the former premier had a travelling trip planner that billed $330,000 in expenses.

"I'm at a point right now where I think I'm tired of talking about the member for Calgary-Elbow," Thomas Lukaszuk said in an interview Thursday referring to Redford.

"I think it's evident to all of us now that her conduct is not reflective of the values of any of the political parties at the Alberta legislature.

"She has to make some decisions, or some decisions have to be made for her."

Redford, who quit as premier in March, could not be reached for comment. She has declined in the past to comment on her spending as premier, saying it's in the past and she's moving forward as the backbencher for her riding.

Expensive change

International Relations Minister Cal Dallas said that in the past, trip planning was done at home or with the help of officials who worked abroad or happened to be travelling where the premier would visit. That changed with Redford, he said.

Lukaszuk was responding to new documents released by the Alberta government that reveal the expenses of an International and Intergovernmental Relations staffer directed by Redford's office to work as an advance liaison on Redford's trips.

For 20 months starting in the spring of 2012, staffer Michelle Tetreault travelled around the world — to China, India, Washington and Zurich — setting up meetings at a cost of almost $330,000.

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Local rocker, former NHLer join city's fire department

Ryan Williams is among Calgary's newest firefighters. He and 35 others graduated from training Thursday. JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO

New recruits. Mayor congratulates first firefighter class of 2014

Calgary's fire services welcomed 36 new recruits into the fold Thursday, among them two former professional hockey players and a former rocker.

The new graduates completed four months of intensive training, which included a lot of "hands-on physical training," said Ryan Williams.

"It was intense," said the 31-year-old, known around town for his role as lead singer in Calgary-based pop-rock band Seventh Rain.

Williams said he was influenced by his brother, a six-year member of the fire department.

"He's my best friend, and he's the reason I joined," Williams said.

Also among the graduates was Christopher Herperger, a former hockey player with the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers, Chicago Blackhawks, Ottawa Senators and Atlanta Thrashers.

"It's a big change, but it's so exciting to get this opportunity," he said of his new career. "Being a firefighter was always in the back of my mind."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi congratulated the new firefighters, saying he was amazed by the incredible professionalism and compassion of those who serve the public.

"Not only do they have great skills, but they're compassionate and look after people," Nenshi said.

This was the first class to graduate in 2014, after completing a four-day practicum, a one-day emergency dispatch practicum, and approximately 17 weeks of training.

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A message of 'love and hope and equality'

Grand Pride Wedding. The event for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender and two-spirited couples may have been first in Canada

Jane Cullingworth and Bonnie Slade could have waited to have their wedding at home in Scotland, where legislation on same-sex marriages will soon be enacted, but that wasn't the way they wanted it.

Instead, the couple flew across the Atlantic to Toronto where they stood alongside 108 others on Thursday as officiants from 12 denominations gave their blessing to the crowd.

The Grand Pride Wedding for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirited couples was thought to be the first of its kind in Canada and involved individuals from around the world.

"It feels celebratory but also quite political. It's a very strong statement across the world about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered rights," said 50-year-old Cullingworth.

"I think it's a message of love and hope and equality really in it's most simplest form — that everyone should have the right to marry a person that they love."

For Slade, opting to wed her partner of 16 years in Toronto instead of Scotland was an easy decision to make.

"The progressive human rights in Toronto and in Canada, it's incredible really," she said, noting the open celebration of the World Pride festival throughout the city. "It's a real sign of progress."

Richard Laslett and Colin Gunther, a couple who had travelled to the wedding from Australia, also noted Canada's lead on same-sex issues while acknowledging that their union wouldn't be recognized when they got home.

"It's sad, it's embarrassing," Gunther said of Australia's stance on same-sex unions. "But we'll know we're married."

"We're husband and husband now," Laslett added. "That's what really matters to us."

Cindy Su and Lana Yu will face a similar situation when they return to Taiwan, but the couple said they were thrilled to make things official.

"We figured we didn't really want any objection to stop us from doing what we want in life," said Su.

"I'm actually looking forward to what happens when we go back. Maybe in the future there will be some problems with the legality but now that we want to start a family, we have to be really brave."

Over 100 gay couples participate in a mass wedding during World Pride 2014 at Casa Loma in Toronto on Thursday.
DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kisses, hugs and tears abounded after the couples at Thursday's wedding said "I do" in unison.

For Inae Lee, being surrounded by such a large group provided a form of support she wasn't able to get from her own family.

"In my parents' mind they don't believe that this can be celebrated. In their mind it's something that's illegal, it's something that's not allowed, it's very sinful," said the 28-year-old who is originally from South Korea.

"I really want to let them know that we are celebrated, and it's OK for us to get married." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It feels celebratory but also quite political. It's a very strong statement across the world about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered rights."
Jane Cullingworth, Scottish attendee who flew across the Atlantic to participate

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Man who killed, dismembered his ex found guilty of 2nd-degree murder

Guang Hua Liu. Body parts of Guang Hua Liu were found in several Toronto-area locations in August 2012

A Toronto man was convicted Thursday of second-degree murder for killing his ex-girlfriend, cutting up her body and scattering the pieces — a verdict that indicates the jury did not believe his defence that his mother was the real killer.

The jury deliberated for about 13 hours before finding Chun Qi Jiang guilty in the death of 41-year-old Guang Hua Liu, whose body parts were found in several Toronto-area locations in August 2012.

Jiang, who wore a plaid, button-down shirt and tan slacks, looked straight ahead as the jury read out the verdict, which carries an automatic life sentence with no chance of parole for between 10 and 25 years.

No family members were present at the conclusion of the four-week trial, in which prosecutors said Jiang killed Liu, with whom he had an on-again-off-again relationship, after she rejected him for another man.

But the defence said it was Jiang's 66-year-old mother who fatally stabbed and dismembered Liu in a fit of rage over allegedly stolen jewelry, while her son simply helped cover up the gruesome crime.

Jiang was charged with first-degree murder, and in her final instructions to the jury this week, Ontario Superior Court Justice Gisele Miller said in order to find him guilty of that charge, jurors would have to find he deliberately set out to kill Liu or cause her potentially fatal harm.

The verdict of second-degree murder indicates the jury believed Jiang meant to kill Liu, but didn't plan to do so. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Opening of world's tallest waterslide may face delays

A November 2013 photo shows Schlitterbahn's new Verruckt speed water-coaster in Kansas City, Kan. A spokeswoman for the water park in says crews are still trying to fix a mechanical problem, and unless it can be rectified by Sunday, the ride's official opening may be delayed for a third time. JILL TOYOSHIBA/THE KANSAS CITY STAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B.C. Highway of Tears

'Strong suspects' but no charges: RCMP

The Mountie who's in charge of investigating cases of missing and murdered women along B.C.'s so-called Highway of Tears says his team has a number of strong suspects, but there's not enough evidence to lay charges.

Staff-Sgt. Wayne Clary says 12 to 15 officers are currently assigned to investigate the deaths or disappearances of 18 women murdered along several highways in the province's north.

Some of the victims' family members have raised concerns about whether the investigation was still making progress or was even active, but Clary says the officers spend most of their time working on the project dubbed E-PANA.

Clary says investigators are still in regular contact with families. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Queen Elizabeth II and members of her family watch the Trooping The Colour parade in London in this June 14 photo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Palace renos pinch U.K. taxpayers

$65 million bill for monarchy. More than a third spent on repairs on aging palaces

Buckingham Palace accounts released Thursday show the monarchy cost British taxpayers 35.7 million pounds (about $65 million) last year — 56 pence (about $1) for everyone in the country.

That is 7.2 per cent, or 2.4 million pounds, more than the year before — the increase mainly explained by the royal family's repair bills.

A big part of the fixer-upper budget went to creating a suitable home for the young family of Prince William, his wife Kate and their toddler Prince George. Some 3.4 million pounds of taxpayer funds were used to refurbish part of London's Kensington Palace for the couple. The extensive work included removing asbestos, installing new heating and redecorating.

The couple, who have considerable personal financial resources in part because of the estate left by Princess Diana, paid for the carpets, curtains and furniture out of personal funds, the palace said.

In addition, Prince Charles' private secretary, William Nye, suggested that Charles and his wife Camilla — who are supported by profits from the extensive Duchy of Cornwall estate — may have helped William and Kate set up their new home.

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Abortion clinics

U.S. Supreme Court dismantles protest buffer zone

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday struck down a 10 metre protest-free zone outside abortion clinics in Massachusetts. The justices were unanimous in ruling that extending a buffer zone that far from clinic entrances violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment rights of protesters.

The clinics said they are most concerned about safety because of past incidents of violence. In 1994, a gunman killed two receptionists and wounded five others at clinics in Brookline, Mass.

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Bolivia

Man wounds 11 in La Paz airport knife attack

An emotionally disturbed farmer wielding a kitchen knife went on a rampage in the terminal of the La Paz international airport on Thursday, stabbing 11 people, authorities said.

Hospital officials said most of the wounds did not appear to be life-threatening although eight of the victims were hospitalized. Among the wounded was the police officer who detained the man. Deputy Interior Minister Jorge Perez said the attacker told police he "heard voices" and went on the attack to defend himself. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Violence more likely in hate crimes against sexual minorities: StatsCan

Most racial or religious hate crimes in Canada involve only mischief, but violence occurs in two-thirds of the incidents in which sexual orientation is the key factor, new data released Thursday suggests.

Police reported 1,414 hate-motivated criminal incidents in 2012, up 82 from the previous year, Statistics Canada said in its latest report on hate crimes.

The agency defines hate crimes as those that are found by police investigations to be motivated by hatred against an identifiable group.

Overall, almost 70 per cent of hate crimes reported by police were non-violent, with mischief — incidents such as vandalism, graffiti and other destruction of property — as the most common offence.

However, two-thirds of hate crimes involving sexual orientation involved violence, as did a third of those involving racial or ethnic hatred, Statistics Canada reported. Violence occurred in only 13 per cent of religiously motivated hate incidents.

The agency said just over half of all hate crimes in 2012 involved racial or ethnic motives, while 30 per cent involved hatred toward a particular religion, including crimes targeting Jews, Muslims and Catholics.

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Chief Roger William, of the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation, speaks during a news conference in Vancouver on Thursday after the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in favour of the Tsilhqot'in First Nation, granting it title to 438,000 hectares of land. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto

Four men charged after heroin found woven into carpets

Four Toronto-area men have been charged after police say 20 kilograms of heroin was discovered concealed in strings and woven into carpets that were imported from Pakistan.

RCMP say they were contacted by border services officers who discovered the heroin at Pearson International Airport.

Police say they arrested three suspects at a Toronto business on June 20 and arrested a fourth at a Toronto residence.

RCMP say false ID and cash were also seized.

Tajudeen Fanikayode, 52, Saidi Sanni Olufeko, 38, and Peter Ajiri, 34, all of Toronto, along with Akeem Onaola, 46, of Mississauga, are charged with importing drugs into Canada, possession for the purpose of trafficking and conspiracy.

They are being held in custody and police say more charges are pending.

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Landmark ruling grants land title to First Nation

Supreme Court.
Decision makes it easier for aboriginal groups to establish title over lands used for hunting, fishing

For the first time, the Supreme Court of Canada has recognized a First Nation's title to a specific tract of land — a historic decision with major implications for contentious energy projects such as the Northern Gateway pipeline.

Thursday's 8-0 decision, which overturned an appeal court ruling, will essentially make it easier for First Nations to establish title over lands that were regularly used for hunting, fishing and other activities.

The landmark ruling is the Supreme Court's first on aboriginal title and will apply wherever there are unresolved land claims.

"The claimant group bears the onus of establishing aboriginal title," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin wrote in the decision.

"The task is to identify how pre-sovereignty rights and interests can properly find expression in modern common law terms."

Title, however, is not absolute, the top court declared; economic development can still go ahead on land where title is established as long as one of two conditions is met. Economic development on land where title is established would require the consent of the First Nation. Failing that, the government would have to make the case that development is pressing and substantial and meet its fiduciary duty to the aboriginal group.

In other words, the decision places a greater burden on governments to justify economic development on aboriginal land. The court also makes it clear that provincial law still applies to land over which aboriginal title has been declared, subject to constitutional limits.

Chief Roger William of Xeni Gwet'in, one of six bands that make up the Tsilhqot'in First Nation, said he welcomed the Supreme Court's decision.

"First Nations across this country have taken legal action, entered into treaty, practised their language and demonstrated use of the land and through this they have supported us — we thank you," he said in a statement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'Game-changer'

"The court has clearly sent a message that the Crown must take aboriginal title seriously and reconcile with First Nations honourably." **Jody Wilson-Raybould, British Columbia regional chief for the Assembly of First Nations,** who called Thursday's decision a "game-changer."

International acts

Tories change tune on charging fee to foreign musicians

Ottawa has effectively eliminated a fee charged to international musicians that critics complained was deterring acts from abroad from playing in Canadian bars, pubs and restaurants.

The removal of a work permit requirement for foreign musical acts, part of the government's overhaul of the controversial temporary foreign worker program, went largely unnoticed amid a spate of other measures announced last week.

Last summer, in their zeal to start cracking down on temporary foreign workers in the face of mounting criticism, the Conservatives added a $275 processing fee on top of a $150 work permit for each member of a musical act from outside the country who was hired to play small Canadian venues.

NDP MP Andrew Cash had faint praise for the Tories Wednesday, saying, "They corrected something incredibly dumb that they shouldn't have implemented in the first place." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Report urges corporate Canada to aim for greater gender balance

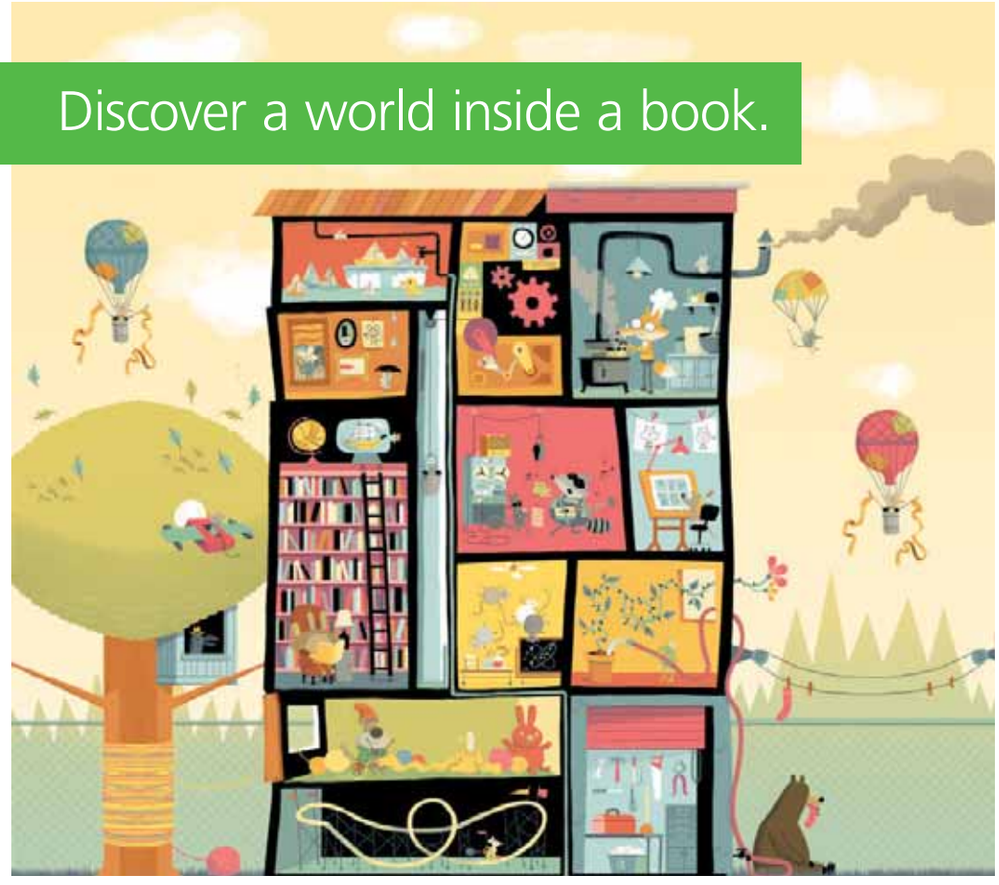
Canadian companies should aim to have 30 per cent of their boards made up of women by the end of the decade, with the ultimate goal being full gender balance, urges a report Thursday by a federal advisory group.

The report, titled Good for Business: A Plan to Promote More Women on Canadian Boards, believes the 30 per cent target is a "reasonable national target" that can be achieved by 2019 and would put corporate Canada on track to achieve gender equality on boards.

"Our government believes that increasing opportunities for women to serve on corporate boards makes good business sense for Canadian women and for Canada's economy," Dr. Kellie Leitch, federal minister of labour and status of women, said in a statement.

The report, by the ad hoc federal Advisory Council for Promoting Women on Boards, also recommends that publicly traded companies put in place "comply and explain" policies that would set internal goals on how to achieve gender balance as well as provide annual updates on their progress.

According to the report, women held 15.9 per cent of seats on the boards of the country's 500 largest public and private companies as of 2012. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Dog bites most common injury during police confrontations in B.C.

Report. RCMP and local police data show 490 people bitten by police dogs between 2010 and 2012

Andy Rowe, who was bitten by a police service dog in 2007 and lost his left ear as a result, listens during a news conference at the Pivot Legal Society in Vancouver on Thursday. The society has released a report detailing injuries from police dog bites over two years of police data. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dog bites top the list for injuries caused during confrontations involving police forces in British Columbia.

The information is contained in a new report by the Pivot Legal Society and was compiled from two years of data from the RCMP and municipal police departments.

The report says that between 2010 and 2012, there were 490 people bitten by dogs deployed by police, although that number could be higher because many bites go unreported.

Pivot lawyer Douglas King says that unlike other police weapons such as fists and batons, dogs can inflict devastating and permanent injuries and they shouldn't be viewed as friendly ambassadors of policing.

Andrew Rowe lost his left ear and part of his hearing after a police dog attacked him while he was on the ground after being arrested and says he'll have the scars for the rest of his life. The legal advocacy group says police dog use is largely unregulated in B.C.

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'A weapon'

Victim recalls his own dog bite

Andy Rowe, 51, was a drug addict in March 2007 when he was attacked by a police dog in a Langley, B.C., parking lot after he stole a DVD from a store.

"It was like a movie. A wild animal attacking you, ripping your face off, biting your ear off, puncturing your skull and hearing Velcro tear — and it's actually your flesh that's tearing," the Surrey resident said.

"The dog was deployed as a weapon."

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"I try to be realistic, a lot of details, correct proportion, anatomy, bone structure, posture," he said during a break.

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Mark Tyoe working on a sculpture.

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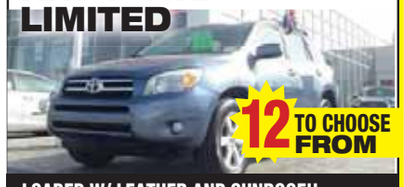

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Medical marijuana growers put illegal grow-ops to shame

First Harvest. Metro reporter gets a peek at modern Ontario facility

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

The 55,000-square-foot MedReleaf warehouse in Markham, Ont., is unassuming from the outside with the exception of a faint but recognizable smell.

Metro agreed to keep the exact location of the medical marijuana production facility a secret to protect the people who work there and the thousands of plants inside.

The company is one of 20 marijuana producers licensed by Health Canada so far.

The Tour

Inside MedReleaf's pot plant, workers and guests are constantly monitored on video surveillance, mandated by Health Canada. The doors between growing rooms are secured with electronic locks.

Before seeing any marijuana, our small group — which includes MedReleaf COO Tom Flow, head of quality assurance Angelo Fefekos and communications staff — enters a decontamination room, puts on white clean-room suits, hair nets, gloves and booties, and passes through an airlock.

That level of contamination control is not mandatory, but MedReleaf trademarked its marijuana as "medical grade standard" pot, so the procedures are in line with those at pharmaceutical facilities that make traditional drugs.

Everything from the flooring to the HVAC is engineered to keep things hygienic, and the plant meets the ISO class 8 standard, like an operating room, according to Fefekos, whose previous job was manager of Diagnostic Medical Genetics at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Fefekos was recruited by MedReleaf CEO Neil Closner, who was vice-president of Business Development at the hospital.

Medical pot hangs in the drying room of the MedReleaf plant in Markham. COURTESY ALEXANDER E. REPETSKI/MEDRELEAF

The 'mother room'

After the airlock, we enter the "mother room," where there are rows of pot plants under 1,000-watt bluish lights. Here are the 23 strains of pot the company is currently producing. Some are varieties Canadian consumers are familiar with, and have words like kush and skunk in their names.

Others come from the Tikun Olam company of Israel, which has been growing medical marijuana for about a decade. A signature strain — Avidekel — is high in cannabidiol (CBD), a non-psychoactive anti-inflammatory, but very low in tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical that gets users high.

Other strains have high THC and CBD, others are in between. Breeders work from seeds and cross-breed strains.

Clippings from the mother plants, called clones, are kept in a high-humidity "clone room" where they grow roots over seven to 14 days.

Next they're transferred to one of the "flower rooms," where 2,000 to 6,000 plants grow under red spectrum light, are fed a nutrient solution pumped in from an irrigation system, and trimmed.

The Markham pot plant itself is still growing, but according to MedReleaf, it will soon have 10 flower rooms and grow about 150,000 pot plants without pesticide.

When ready for harvest, the plants go to the trimming room. Everything that goes in and out is weighed so nothing goes missing.

The air quality in the trimming room is tested by an air particle counter — dubbed by employees as R2D2 — and employees' gloved hands are tested for contaminants. Health Canada doesn't mandate mid-stage tests like these.

"It's the only way I know how to make a medicine," explained Fefekos.

Employees pick off the leaves and trim the buds before they're hung across metal wire to dry in the drying room, where, on the first day of harvest, a Bob Marley song plays.

When the buds are dry, they'll be either quarantined or released by Health Canada.

All the pot that's good to go will be vacuum-sealed and mailed in unmarked packages.

Any pot that's stored is kept in a vault with two complex locks behind a giant blue cage, which is also locked and secured with an alarm.

The first day of the first harvest was a big deal for some of the employees. Facilities manager Ori Sher said he never expected to find himself doing this. "I was in the IT business for years," he said. "This is pretty far from IT."

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→ Take a deeper look inside MedReleaf's Markham, Ont., facility by scanning the photo with your Metro News app and viewing a photo gallery of reporter Jessica Smith Cross's tour.

→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

Cashing in

A growing industry?

Even though it has yet to ship any pot, executives at MedReleaf see a big future for medical cannabis.

"We can service well over 10,000 patients from this building and we're already looking at expanding to other facilities," said CEO Neil Closner. "We believe it could be quite a big market for those producers who can produce at a level that not only patients want, but physicians feel comfortable prescribing."

According to the government, 920 companies have applied to become producers so far. Of those, 20 have been approved, 407 were returned as incomplete, 163 were refused, 34 were withdrawn by the applicant and 296 are currently being reviewed.

Some companies have elected to raise funds from the market. Several stocks posted big gains just by announcing plans to get in on the medical marijuana market that the Canadian Securities Administrators issued a warning.

"There's clearly a bit of a mania going on, a bubble going on with people rushing to invest in gold-mining companies that all of a sudden add 'marijuana' to their business name and all of a sudden the stock goes up by tenfold in one day," said Closner.

MedReleaf elected to go with private investors who pitched in significant capital to build the company — including its Markham pot plant — because they believe in the product and the investment.

MedReleaf expects to ship its first harvest in a few weeks.

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Sudanese woman freed again after re-arrest

Legal loop. Following overturn of death sentence for apostasy, Christian woman detained en route to U.S.

A Sudanese Christian woman whose death sentence for apostasy was overturned was freed again on Thursday after being detained on accusations of forging travel documents.

Wearing a traditional white and green dress, Meriam Ibrahim, 27, walked out of a Khartoum police station carrying her newborn baby hours after lawyers said she was ordered released. Ibrahim and her husband, who is disabled and was seen being carried by two men, got into a vehicle with their other child and sped away, followed by police cars and two vehicles with diplomatic plates.

Earlier, Ibrahim's lawyer Eman Abdul-Rahman told the Associated Press that she had been released after foreign diplomats pressed the government to free her. However, Abdul-Rahman later said that Ibrahim had been granted release but had not physically left the police station, adding that her initial account was based on what Ibrahim had told her over the phone earlier in the day.

Ibrahim was sentenced to death over charges of apostasy. A daughter of a Muslim father, Ibrahim was raised by her Christian mother. She married a Christian man, Daniel Wani, who holds American citizenship and is from South Sudan, in a church ceremony in 2011. As in many Muslim nations, Muslim women in Sudan are prohibited from marrying non-Muslims, though Muslim men can marry outside their faith. By law, children must follow their father's religion.

Sudan's penal code forbids Muslims from converting to other religions, a crime punishable by death. The court in the capital, Khartoum, had also ordered that Ibrahim be given 100 lashes for having sexual relations with her husband.

The sentence drew international condemnation, with Amnesty International calling it "abhorrent." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uzbekistan's drug problems heating up

Uzbekistan National Security Service officers stand guard, as drugs are burned behind them, at a plant on the outskirts of Tashkent, Uzbekistan's capital, Thursday. Drug trafficking is on rise in Uzbekistan as Afghanistan significantly expanded opium-growing areas despite the ongoing U.S. led anti-terror operation there.

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Death toll rises as Afghan forces battle Taliban

The death toll from a week of fighting between Afghan forces and hundreds of Taliban militants in a southern province rose above 100, officials said Thursday, while the UN called on all parties to protect civilians who are increasingly caught in the crossfire.

The battle is shaping up as a major test of the government's ability to maintain security in volatile areas after foreign combat troops leave by the end of 2014, increasing the urgency for the government to sign a security pact with the United States that would allow nearly 10,000 American forces to stay in the country for two more years.

Outgoing President Hamid Karzai has refused to sign the deal, saying he would leave it to his successor after results are announced in the recent presidential election. Both candidates vying to replace Karzai, who is constitutionally barred from a third term, have promised to sign the pact. But the process has been stalled by fraud allegation in the June 14 runoff vote pitting former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah against former finance minister and World Bank official Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai.

The government has deployed nearly 2,000 reinforcements since the Taliban offensive against checkpoints and government buildings in Helmand province began on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supporters of Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah shout slogans during a protest in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday.

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It's 'hakuna matata' for this new mom

Sekini the warthog of the San Antonio Zoo is seen with her male and female piglets on June 17. The two were born on June 14 and this Thursday zoo officials announced the birth.

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'Reality TV' gets too real for some

Wildlife webcams. Viewers alarmed as baby eagle dies

This still image from streaming online video shows an adult bald eagle, centre, feeding a young eaglet. Webcast viewers saw another eaglet in the nest die over the weekend. BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wildlife webcam operators around the world are grappling with a problem: Viewers don't want to see any harm come to critters they've grown to love.

Officials caved in to protests about the grittier side of nature last month in Minnesota, attempting to rescue a baby eagle with a broken wing. In Maine, a struggling eaglet died last weekend after wildlife experts decided to let nature take its course, triggering outcry from viewers across the country.

Such reactions are understandable but misguided, experts say. "The nest cam is more of a mirror to reflect what's going on with all eagle nests. It's not to be used as a baby monitor to intervene when we see something that makes us feel sad as humans," said Erynn Call, a raptor specialist with the state of Maine.

Nonetheless, experts do not typically get involved.

"The general view is not to intervene," said Patrick Keenan from the Biodiversity Research Institute in Maine. "These are wildlife. They're not pets."

All told, there are hundreds of wildlife webcams showing everything from polar bears to peregrine falcons to clown-like seabirds called puffins. Viewers see remarkable things, like bears catching salmon, or eagles hatching from eggs.

Viewers who watched one of two eaglets die last weekend bore witness to what's happening in many of the more than 600 eagle nests across Maine, said Call, who works for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Guilty plea for child abduction

On the lam. Father spent four years in hiding in Mexico with his children

A Manitoba man admitted Thursday to kidnapping his two children and hiding them in Mexico for four years.

Kevin Maryk, 42, pleaded guilty to two counts of abduction.

His sentencing hearing is set for Monday. The Crown said it will seek a five-year sentence, while defence lawyer Todd Bourcier said he will ask for two years minus credit for time served in Mexico.

Maryk stood by his lawyer in court and quietly answered "yes" as the judge asked him whether he understood what he was admitting to. Outside court, Bourcier said Maryk was anxious to have everything resolved.

Maryk took his children from his former wife during a court-ordered visit in Winnipeg on Aug. 16, 2008, and fled to Mexico.

The kids, Dominic and Abby Maryk, were seven and six at the time.

Police said Maryk kept the children indoors during the day and prevented them from going to school, from playing with other children or from seeing a doctor. They had very little contact with the outside world.

Back in Winnipeg, police and the children's mother kept the issue in the public eye. In 2009, Emily Cablek held a news conference with the Winnipeg Police Service to appeal for the return of her son and daughter.

"It's two pieces of my soul and my heart missing," she said at the time.

Investigators got a break in the case in 2012, when a neighbour of Maryk in Guadalajara called authorities after recognizing the children in a Crime Stoppers video that aired on Mexican television. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Violence continues in northern Syria

Men help a survivor out of a damaged building following a Syrian government airstrike at Karm al-Jabal area in Aleppo, Syria, Thursday. Syrian warplanes struck the area in the northern province of Aleppo killing and wounding dozens of people, activists said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SYRIAN OBSERVATORY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Receding Great Lakes may damage economy: Report

Low water levels in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River could result in severe economic fallout for the region, totalling more than $20 billion by 2050, according to a new report.

The report, released Thursday by the Mowat Centre and Council of the Great Lakes Region, said water levels in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin "fell dramatically" in 1997-98.

Since then, the basin has experienced the longest extended period of lower water levels since the U.S. and Canada began tracking levels in 1918.

Mark Fisher, who heads the council, said there's a "very real future" where the region could be plagued by low-water trends.

The economic footprint of the Great Lakes Region is $5.25 trillion, or around 28 per cent of combined Canadian and U.S. economic activity.

The report said lower water levels in the Great Lakes would impact industries including hydroelectricity and commercial shipping, as well as recreational boating and fishing and property values near the shores.

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A united front. Iraq's VP takes first step toward forming new government

Iraq's vice-president called on parliament Thursday to convene next week, taking the first step toward forming a new government to present a united front against a rapidly advancing Sunni insurgency. In the latest attack, a bombing killed 12 people in a Baghdad Shiite neighbourhood and police found eight more bullet-riddled bodies south of the capital.

Visiting Iraq, Britain's top diplomat urged its leaders to put aside their differences for the good of the nation. And in Paris, Secretary of State John Kerry met with the United States' top Sunni state allies in the Mideast to consider how to confront the growing turmoil.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-led political bloc won the most seats in April 30 elections — with 92 seats out of the 328 — but he needs support from other parties for a majority that would give him the right to govern. An increasing number of critics, both in Iraq and abroad, now want him to step down, saying his failure to promote national reconciliation fuelled the insurgency by needlessly angering Sunnis.

Some Iraqi politicians favour forming an interim government that could provide leadership until a more permanent solution can be found. Al-Maliki, however, has insisted the constitutional process must be allowed to proceed.

In a statement, Vice-President Khudeir al-Khuzaie ordered the new parliament to hold its first session on Tuesday.

Constitutionally, the next step would be to elect a speaker and two deputies, then within 30 days to choose a new president who then has 15 days to ask the largest bloc to choose a prime minister and form the new government.

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"We believe the urgent priority must be to form an inclusive government"

William Hague, British foreign secretary, on Iraq

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry walks to the U.S. Embassy in Paris on Thursday. Kerry hosted urgent talks with Gulf allies and Jordan Thursday to address the widening crisis in Iraq. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fleeing Ukrainians seek safety in Russia

Leaving by the thousands. Exodus comes as Ukraine calls on Russia to support peace plan 'with deeds, not words'

People carry their belongings as they walk to cross the border into Russia at the Ukrainian-Russian border checkpoint in Izvaryne, Ukraine, Thursday. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thousands of Ukrainians in cars stuffed with belongings lined up Thursday at the eastern border to cross into Russia, with some saying they felt betrayed by their government and vowing never to return.

A commander at the rebel-controlled border post southeast of the city of Luhansk said 5,000 people had left by evening, joining a stream he said has continued unabated through a shaky ceasefire set to expire on Friday.

Tens of thousands of Ukrainians have sought safety in Russia since the fighting began two months ago between government troops and Moscow-backed separatist fighters.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on Thursday called on Russia to support his peace plan "with deeds, not words" as the weeklong ceasefire neared its end in Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said they, too, were looking for more action from Moscow ahead of a summit on Friday of European Union leaders, who will be considering a new round of punitive sanctions on Russia.

The summit also will see Ukraine sign a sweeping trade agreement with the EU that will bind it more closely to the West. It was the former Ukrainian president's sudden decision late last year to back out of the EU deal under pressure from Russia that led to his ouster and triggered the current crisis.

Poroshenko announced Thursday that representatives of the mutinous regions have agreed to talks with the Russian ambassador, a former Ukrainian president representing Poroshenko, and a European envoy. The first round of talks on Monday brought rebel leaders to the negotiating table for the first time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fighting during ceasefire

The United Nations estimates that from April 15 to June 20, 423 people, including servicemen and civilians, were killed in eastern Ukraine.

- Even though some rebel groups agreed to observe the ceasefire, Poroshenko said 18 government troops have been killed this week. Separatist leaders have also reported deaths among rebel fighters.
- Speaking at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, on Thursday, Poroshenko urged Moscow to stop the flow of fighters from Russia and take other steps to end the conflict.

South Africa. 11 killed this year by botched circumcision rituals

The South African government says 11 young men have died so far this year in botched circumcision rituals that have killed hundreds in past years.

The government said in a statement Thursday that seven of the deaths in the current initiation season happened in South Africa's Eastern Cape province.

The ministry is urging traditional leaders to work with state medical experts to prevent deaths, some of which are due to dehydration and septic shock. It also says owners of illegal initiation schools should be arrested and prosecuted.

The circumcision ceremonies are meant to usher youths into manhood. Initiations are mostly practiced by the Xhosa tribe in eastern South Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea fires short-range projectiles off east coast

North Korea fired three short-range projectiles Thursday into the waters off its east coast in a possible move to stoke tensions with Seoul, a South Korean defence official said. Pyongyang's military later criticized alleged South Korean shelling in disputed waters.

The South Korean official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department rules, said the projectiles flew about 190 kilometres (120 miles) before harmlessly landing in the water. The projectiles were fired from North Korea's eastern port city of Wonsan, and the South Korean military was investigating the type of projectiles and the North's intentions, the official said.

Later Thursday, North Korea's army, while not mentioning its own projectiles, released a statement in state media saying South Korea had fired shells without notice into the North's waters from a front-line island near a Yellow Sea boundary that Pyongyang bitterly disputes.

The North Korean army in the front-line area is "full of the strong will of retaliation to punish the provocateurs to the last one by giving vent to their pent-up grudge," the statement said. "What they are waiting for is only the order to be given."

Short-range test firings by North Korea aren't unusual, but a barrage of missile and artillery tests earlier this year boosted animosity between the rivals. A North Korean artillery attack in 2010 killed four South Koreans on a front-line Yellow Sea island.

North Korea has in recent months threatened South Korea's leader, calling her a prostitute, and the South has vowed to hit North Korea hard if provoked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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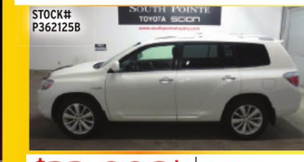

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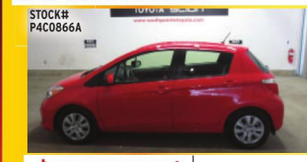

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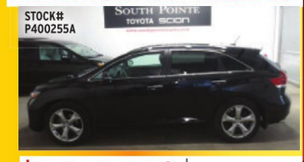

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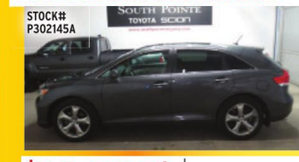

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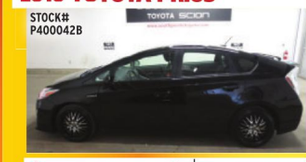

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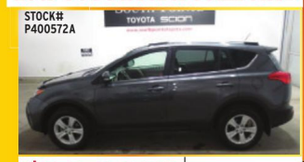

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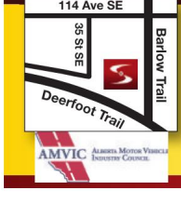

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The cord-cutting revolution will not be streamed on Aereo

America. Consumers have wised up to the pricing model for the idiot box, and they will continue to find cheaper alternatives

The U.S. Supreme Court shot down Aereo's business model this week, but that doesn't mean customers' desire for a better TV experience is gone.

Americans are still fed up with huge channel bundles, high prices, poor service and the lack of ability to watch all their shows on all their devices. That's part of why Aereo was attractive: It offered a few dozen local broadcast channels and the Bloomberg TV financial channel on multiple devices for just $8 US a month.

Industry watchers say the pay TV business must continue to evolve to win over unhappy customers, even if the nation's top court said grabbing signals from the airwaves and distributing them online without content-owner permission isn't the way.

"Even without Aereo, the reason people were cutting the cord, for cost reasons and so on, those don't go away," said Robin Flynn, an analyst with market research firm SNL Kagan.

Last year, the number of pay TV subscribers in the U.S. fell for the first time, dipping 0.1 per cent to 94.6 million, according to Leichtman Research Group.

SNL estimates that 5 per cent of homes will substitute pay TV with one or more Internet video services by the end of the year, rising to 10 per cent in 2017.

Many companies are offering quality TV content online for low cost to meet that rising demand. They include Netflix and Amazon. Hulu, which is owned by major broadcast networks ABC, NBC and Fox, offers full episodes of popular shows like The Colbert Report the next day for free.

While that's not live TV, which Aereo offered, for many it's a good-enough substitute.

The decision against Aereo is a setback, but not a fatal one for people who want to break away from traditional TV, said Bill Niemeyer, senior analyst at TDG Research.

"While the content on the major broadcast networks is very important for some people, it's not important for everyone," Niemeyer said. "So it's a dent, but I don't think it's going to significantly change the trends."

If anything, the rise and fall of Aereo has highlighted an important fact — that high-quality TV signals are available on the airwaves for free — something that might have been forgotten if Aereo hadn't insisted that its technology simply replicates the antenna and wire that an average person could set up on their own.

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Cutting the cord

"What Aereo has really done in our perspective is to address the lack of understanding that over-the-air is free," said Mark Buff, CEO of Mohu, a company that makes flat indoor antennas that attach to walls.

- Mohu has sold 1.5 million antennas since it began in 2011 and they work in the kind of dense urban areas like New York where Aereo is believed to have had a small subscriber base. It is about to launch Mohu Channels, a device that blends Internet video services like Netflix with free-to-air TV in a single channel guide.
- "We certainly do see and believe that the cord-cutting movement is on the rise," he said.

Do not adjust your set: The CBC moves away from TV/radio roots to the web

An unidentified man is pictured outside the CBC headquarters in downtown Toronto on Thursday. Inside the building Thursday the broadcaster announced its five-year strategic plan during a heated town hall with employees. The CBC is slashing some 20 per cent of its workforce over the next five years, while cutting back evening newscasts and in-house production and raising the possibility of selling its flagship headquarters in Toronto. President Hubert Lacroix unveiled sweeping changes designed to shift the CBC's priorities from radio and television to digital and mobile services. By 2020, CBC plans to cut 1,000 to 1,500 positions (the broadcaster says it currently has 7,500 employees). It says that goal will in part be fulfilled by retirements and attrition and that roughly 500 of these jobs will be eliminated over the next 12 to 15 months. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CHRIS YOUNG

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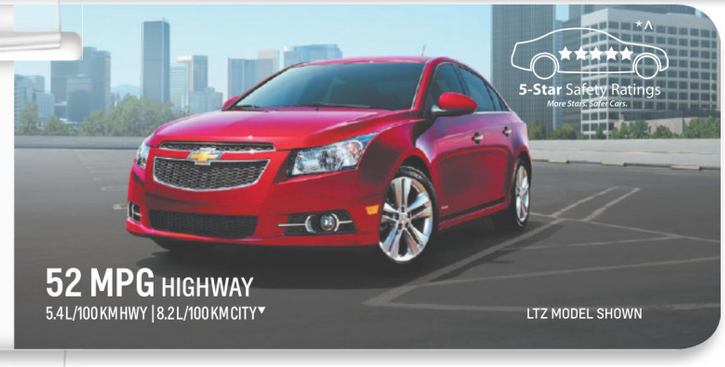

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Canada's Susan Nattrass waves to family in the stands after completing the first round of qualification in the women's trap shooting at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. Nattrass will lead Canada into the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Nattrass will lead Canada into the 2014 Commonwealth Games. The six-time medallist and seven-time world champion has been chosen as this country's flag-bearer for the opening ceremony next month in Glasgow, Scotland. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trap-shooting game changer to carry flag

Susan Nattrass will lead Canada into the 2014 Commonwealth Games as this country's flag-bearer for the opening ceremony next month in Glasgow, Scotland.

"I'm ecstatic. It is such a tremendous honour to have been selected as Canada's flag-bearer," Nattrass said in a release.

"I love the Commonwealth Games and will do my best to be worthy of this exceptional group of athletes that we have on our team."

The 63-year-old, who makes her home in Edmonton, has won medals in women's trap-shooting at every Commonwealth Games she has attended and is also a member of Canada's Sport Hall of Fame, an Officer of the Order of Canada and a former Canadian athlete of the year.

"Susan has that rare quality of being both a pioneer in her sport, while still being a competitive, world-class athlete," said Canada chef de mission Chantal Petitclerc. "She will be an inspiration to all of us in Glasgow."

Nattrass was the first woman to ever compete in an Olympic trap shooting competition back in 1976, finishing 25th against her male counterparts.

She again broke the gender barrier in 1990 when she competed at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand, as the only woman in an all-men competition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

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Number of medals Susan Natrass has won.

Trudeau takes shot at changes to temp worker program

Fort McMurray-Athabasca byelection. Comment invites comparisons to Trudeau Sr.'s national energy program

Justin Trudeau is going after the Conservatives for new rules governing the temporary foreign worker program. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Trudeau is describing the Conservative government's embattled temporary foreign worker program as "one of the most anti-Alberta federal policies we've seen in decades."

The Liberal leader made the remarks this week in Fort McMurray while campaigning in advance of Monday's byelection in the heart of oilsands country with candidate Kyle Harrietha.

The comment invites comparisons to Pierre Trudeau's national energy program, a policy still reviled by Albertans 34 years after it sought to distribute the province's oil wealth to poorer parts of the country.

In the past, Trudeau has taken pains to distance himself from his father's energy policies. In Fort McMurray on Wednesday, he accused the Tories of mishandling the temporary foreign workers file for so long that "they're now putting in caps that are going to hurt people in Fort McMurray," a community with low unemployment and a booming economy.

The Conservatives mocked Trudeau's comments, saying he advocated a moratorium on the entire low-skilled temporary foreign worker stream earlier this year in the House of Commons.

Alexandra Fortier, spokeswoman for Employment Minister Jason Kenney, said wages in the food services sector in Alberta have not kept pace with other industries.

In Alberta, which has the highest number of temporary foreign workers in the country, median wages have gone up by 31 per cent since 2006 and inflation by 14 per cent, Fortier said in an email.

"However, in the food services sector, a leading user of the temporary foreign worker program, wages have only increased by eight per cent since 2006," she said.

The new changes include a limit on the number of foreign workers that large- and medium-sized companies are permitted to hire, stiffer penalties for companies found to be violating the new rules and on-site audits and inspections to guard against abuse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"... the temporary foreign worker program is no longer being used as it was intended to be used ..."

Alexandra Fortier, spokeswoman for Employment Minister Jason Kenney, defending changes made to the temporary foreign worker program

Airport pipe bomb

Better training, decision-making needed: Review

Screeners at the Edmonton airport failed to identify, intercept and handle a pipe bomb in "the manner expected" by Canada's air security authority, says an internal review.

Several personnel had feelings that the item discovered in a teenager's carry-on baggage might be a pipe bomb or some other kind of improvised explosive device, the newly disclosed review found. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nadon affair. Harper Tories not living up to duty to charter: Lawyers group

The Harper government is falling short in its duty as a guardian of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

That's the message that will be delivered in a major speech Friday to the Canadian Bar Association. Simon Potter, a past president of the association, is to deliver that assessment at a day-long conference on the state of constitutional law in Canada. The annual symposium by Canada's top legalists is taking place amid unprecedented acrimony between the Harper government and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office recently accused Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin of inappropriately seeking to contact him over the appointment of Marc Nadon, which the high court rejected in a separate ruling. The government can expect more criticism Friday when the association recommends reforms to Supreme Court selection process in the wake of the Nadon affair. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Wall Street investors have a taste for adventure

GoPro's CEO Nick Woodman holds a GoPro camera in his mouth as he celebrates his company's IPO at the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York on Thursday. GoPro, the maker of wearable sports cameras, loved by mountain climbers, divers, surfers and other extreme sports fans, said late Wednesday it sold 17.8 million shares at $24 US each in its initial public offering of stock, valuing the company at about $3 billion. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sobeys to shutter 50 locations

Underperforming stores. Most of the closures will be in Western Canada

Sobeys is closing about 50 underperforming grocery stores across the country as it deals with intense competition and tries to squeeze savings from its operations after the acquisition of Safeway in Canada.

About 60 per cent of the affected Sobeys locations will be in Western Canada, while the rest will be spread out across the country, said Marc Poulin, president and CEO of both Sobeys and its parent company Empire Co.

Other facilities and plants could also be closed once further reviews are completed.

"Clearly, we have learned a lot from this process and will assess our options with a view to do what is right for the business," he said in a conference call, after the Nova Scotia-based company released sharply lower quarterly results on Thursday. "After all, it's all about maximizing the value to the shareholders."

Sobeys did not say how many employees would be laid off and did not respond to requests for a list of locations to be closed.

The decision comes as Sobeys faces intense price competition from others in the grocery industry, including U.S. retailers like Walmart and Target.

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New York's highest court won't reinstate N.Y.C.'s 16-ounce cap on sugary beverages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Big sodas still A-OK in the Big Apple: Court

2012 ban. Ruling says New York City's health department overstepped its bounds when it restricted the size of sugary drinks

Big sodas can stay on the menu in the Big Apple after New York state's highest court refused Thursday to reinstate the city's first-of-its-kind size limit on sugary drinks. But city officials suggested they might be willing to revisit the supersize-soda ban.

The Court of Appeals found that the city Board of Health overstepped its bounds by imposing a 16-ounce cap on sugary beverages sold in restaurants, delis, movie theatres, stadiums and street carts. The appointed board tread on the policy-making turf of the elected city council, the court said.

"By choosing among competing policy goals, without any legislative delegation or guidance, the board engaged in lawmaking," the court wrote in a majority opinion. "Its choices raise difficult, intricate and controversial issues of social policy."

Indeed, debate over the soda size cap pitted health officials who called it an innovative anti-obesity tool against critics who considered it unfair to businesses and paternalistic toward consumers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not the end?

City leaders signalled they might not give up the fight.

- Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city was "actively reviewing all of its options to protect the health and well-being of our communities"; officials wouldn't immediately specify what those might be.

Indigo 'huge believers in books,' CEO says

The head of Indigo Books and Music Inc., and its self-proclaimed chief book lover, believes there will always be a market for the written word — on paper and bound between two covers.

"We believe books are here for the long term," chief executive Heather Reisman said following Indigo's annual general meeting Thursday. "Yes, people will read digitally but a lot of people are reading both. We are huge believers in books ... That is at the core, at the very essence of our business."

Power of the page

"There is something about the physicality of books."

Indigo chief executive Heather Reisman

Reisman said Indigo may be the "only people on the planet" who are still investing in bookshelves at their stores, with no plans to cut back on titles. In fact, it is aiming to increase the number of books it carries.

Meanwhile, Indigo, Canada's largest book, gift and specialty toy retail chain, expects the surge in popularity of digital books to wane.

"For the moment, books seem to be behaving in a contrarian way to other digital media," said Reisman. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cost of living

Ikea hikes hourly pay by 17% in U.S.

Ikea's U.S. division is raising the minimum wage for thousands of its retail workers, pegging it to the cost of living in each location, instead of its competition.

The 17 per cent average raise is the furniture chain's biggest in 10 years in the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HOT THUGS & THE MJ AFTERLIFE

It's time for another dose of The List, Metro's guide to what's hot this week:

THE METRO LIST
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1 Speaking of Hot. There's hot ... and there's hot. Jeremy Meeks, a 30-year-old gangster from Stockton, Calif. was arrested on weapons charges recently, but his mug shot looks so hot, there's an Internet-spawned movement to set him free, so he can continue to look studly while (allegedly) stealing cars. Be careful what you wish for, America.

2 He's Baaaaack! Like those plastic clowns you punch and they pop back up, Rob Ford just keeps popping up. Unfortunately, he keeps popping up at Toronto City Hall. Fresh out of rehab for various alcohol and drug problems, he's scheduled to return to his civic three-ring circus on June 30. While he was away, city council changed the locks and got a lot done. I can't believe I'm writing this, but he's second in the polls for the next election. Never mind me. Imagine how John Tory feels. He's trailing Rob Ford.

3 He's Not Coming Back. He Doesn't Need To. At least I don't think so. Although you never know with Michael Jackson. It's been five years (five years?!) since the Moonwalker died — June 25, 2014 — to be precise, but the music, oh the music, lives on. And you want hot? The King of Pop has made $700 million since he died. That's more than Jay-Z, Taylor Swift and Kanye West combined. He's just not like other boys.

4 Overbite Sensation. It's been quite the week for Bad Boys, but No. 1 with a bite has to be Luis Suarez, the Uruguayan soccer star who has bitten not one, but two World Cup opponents. No doubt worried that other squads won't play unless Suarez is fitted with a muzzle, FIFA has banned him for the next four months and that includes the rest of the World Cup. That's going to take a bite of out Uruguay's hopes, as Suarez is definitely their sharpest player.

5 Reality TV Sucks. News flash: TV is bad for your health. Apparently, watching Howie Mandel match wits with Howard Stern on America's Got Talent is a quick ticket to a fast exit. A Spanish study of more than 13,000 healthy adults found that spending more than three hours a day watching TV doubles your chances of an early death. As usual, Mom was right all along. Too bad she's no longer with us ... Grey's Anatomy, you know.

6 Neanderthal Time Capsule The week's most significant scientific discovery: the world's oldest poop. The Spanish again. This time, they discovered a 50,000-year-old pile of Neanderthal coprolites, or fossilized feces, and it seems there may be more to the Paleo diet than we thought. Along with the mammoth steaks and reindeer burgers, they found clear evidence of veggies: Berries, nuts and tubers. Nouveau cavemen. Who knew?

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ONE IN A FEW DOZEN

Koushski, a seven-year-old male Asiatic cheetah, crouches at the Miandasht Wildlife Refuge in Jajarm, northeastern Iran. Iran is conducting a campaign to rescue Koushski and his kind. To see more images of Koushski's life on the reserve, scan this image with your Metro News app. ALL PHOTOS VAHID SALEMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran looks to save last of the Asiatic cheetahs

Iran is rushing to try to save one of the world's critically endangered species, the Asiatic cheetah, and bring it back from the verge of extinction in its last refuge.

By the numbers

50-70

Estimated number of Asiatic cheetahs that remain in Iran, mostly in the east of the country.

The Asiatic cheetah, an equally fast cousin of the African cat, once ranged from the Red Sea to India, but its numbers have shrunkin the past century to the point that the species is now hanging on by a thin thread.

Once known as "hunting leopards," Asiatic cheetahs were traditionally trained for emperors and kings in Iran and India to hunt gazelles. They disappeared across the Middle East about 100 years ago, although there were sightings in Saudi Arabia until the 1950s.

Iran's efforts have been given a symbolic boost at the World Cup in Brazil, where Iran's team wore images of the cheetah on their uniforms.

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The conservation work

With help from the UN, the Iranian government has stepped up efforts to rescue the species.

- Cameras have been set up around cheetah habitats to watch for threats.
- Authorities built shelters in arid areas so cats can have access to water.
- They've reached out to nearby communities, training them how to deal with cheetahs and promising compensation for killed livestock.

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Lies, damned lies and status updates

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In an alarming development for our hyper-connected world, it has come to our attention that the lives reported by Facebook users may not be entirely accurate. And the scandal has been brilliantly exposed by the Higton Bros.

Those happy couples? They fight every night. Those delicious looking meals? Screengrabs taken from Buzzfeed listicles. Same goes for the vacation pics.

Facebook is a green screen and the posts are computer-generated special effects. What a wicked world. (HigtonBros./YouTube)

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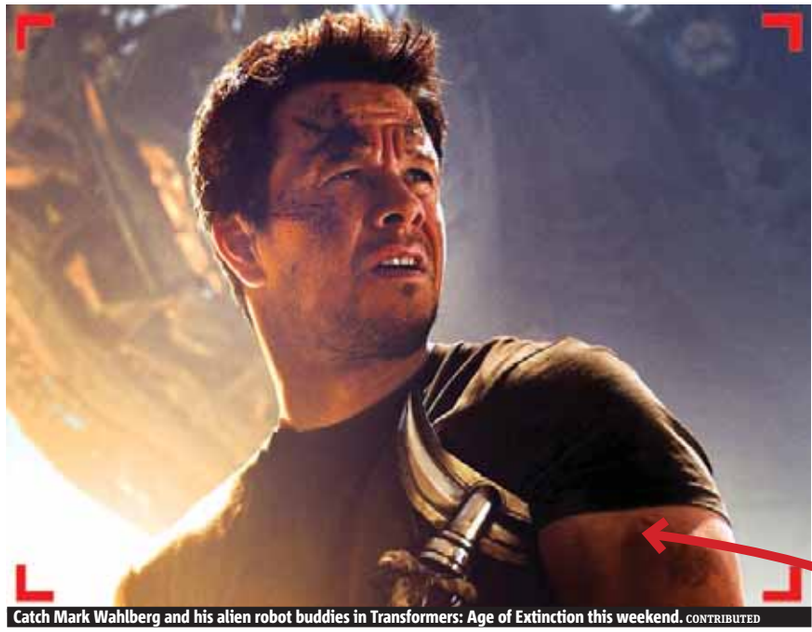

Catch Mark Wahlberg and his alien robot buddies in Transformers: Age of Extinction this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

The action begins when unemployed robotic engineer Cade Yeager (Mark Wahlberg) and daughter Tessa (Nicola Peltz) uncover deactivated Autobot Optimus Prime (Peter Cullen) hidden under a pile of junk. Their discovery puts them under the microscope of CIA agent Harold Attinger (Kelsey Grammer) and tech tycoon Joshua Joyce (Stanley Tucci). The two are hatching a plan, fuelled by equal parts paranoia and genius, to build man-made second generation Transformers to seek out and destroy the Autobots.

- **Richard:** ●●●○○
- **Mark:** ●●○○○

AUGMENTED REALITY

→ Want to see a clip from Transformers: Age of Extinction? Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a sneak peek.

→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

Transformers: Age of Extinction. This flick may be excessive on just about every level, but you'll definitely love it — if you're a 12-year-old boy

Richard: Mark, everybody loves spectacle. The Romans had the Coliseum and we have the Transformers movies. Like the gladiatorial shows of yore, in Michael Bay's movies it doesn't matter who lives or dies — the films don't care about their human characters and neither do we — all that matters is the spectacle of the whole thing, and at an almost frenetic three hours, Age of Extinction certainly delivers on that score.

For many, getting value per minute for their movie dollar will be enough, but do you, like the old Roman emperors, give this a thumbs up or down?

Mark: Richard, I was glued to my seat throughout! You see, some idiot had spilled epoxy on the seat before I sat down and it took the full two-and-three-quarter hours to wriggle out of my jeans.

I have never been able to sit through a Transformers movie, but epoxy aside, at least this one had a coherent story, some decent acting thanks to Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci and Kelsey Grammer, and some exciting chase sequences.

I just can't wrap my head around watching a bunch of Swiss Army knives on steroids bashing each other. But then again, I'm not a 12-year-old boy.

RC: No one can accuse Bay of skimping on ... well, anything. Age of Extinction is a wide-ranging action orgy that plays off of Bush-era Homeland Security paranoia and also explains why dinosaurs became extinct. It comments on the ethics of unarmed warfare and blows up most of Hong Kong. Bay doesn't do anything by half measures but I found myself wishing the movie was about half as long as it is with half the bombast.

It's stylish: "Why run when you can run in slow motion?" Bay seems to be asking, not unlike a car commercial. But it's excessive on almost every level. I don't expect or want My Dinner with Optimus Prime, but in this case I think less would have been more.

MB: My feelings here are complicated. I used to take it for granted that this kind of direction was evidence of a hack sensibility, which assumes that quantity makes viewers forget quality — a real cynic's position. But watching this instalment, I'm no longer so sure.

I think Bay really believes that these grand excesses are heroic, even Shakespearean. Its running time is equal to Hamlet. The movie is cheesy and schlocky, for sure, but the one possible grace note is Bay's commitment to the drive of the film. Too long, for sure, but at least this movie moves.

RC: Shakespeare never wrote a play about a giant alien robot playing bucking bronco with a humungous dinobot. That's all Bay.

MB: Or had a billion-dollar grossing movie. That's all Bay St.

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com. **Ratings:** *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:* +

Comedy/Romance

Think Like a Man Too

Director. Tim Story

Stars. Adam Brody, Jerry Ferrara

In the highly anticipated sequel, which was inspired by Steve Harvey's best-selling book Act Like a Lady, Think Like A Man, all the couples are back for a wedding in Las Vegas. But plans for a romantic weekend go awry when their various misadventures get them into some compromising situations that threaten to derail the big event.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** + 91%

Western/Mystery

The Rover

Director. David Michod

Stars. Robert Pattinson, Guy Pearce

The Rover, David Michod's followup to Animal Kingdom, is set in a world 10 years following the collapse of society. The film follows hardened loner Eric (Pearce) as he travels the desolate roads of the outback. When a gang of thieves steals his car, they leave behind a wounded Rey (Pattinson) in their wake. Forcing Rey to help track the gang, Eric will go to any lengths to take back the one thing that still matters to him.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 68% **Audience:** 68%

Sci-Fi & Fantasy

I'll Follow You Down

Director. Richie Mehta

Stars. Rufus Sewell, Gillian Anderson

An accomplished physicist mysteriously disappears on a business trip. Abandoned, his wife and son struggle to cope. Years later, now a young scientist himself, Erol uncovers papers, formulas, a machine, and a mind-bending possibility. But time travel is impossible. Isn't it? Erol's obsession to find his father and restore his family will throw him into the unknown.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** 14%

Drama

Tracks

Director. John Curran

Stars. Mia Wasikowska, Adam Driver

Director John Curran and the producers of The King's Speech bring you the film Tracks, which tells the true story of Robyn Davidson (Wasikowska), a young woman who leaves her life in the city to make a solo trek through almost 2,000 miles of sprawling Australian desert. Accompanied by only her dog and four unpredictable camels, she sets off on a life-changing journey of self-discovery.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 84% **Audience:** + 86%

Action/Comedy

22 Jump Street

Director. Phil Lord, Chris Miller

Stars. Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum

After making their way through high school (twice), big changes are in store for officers Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum) when they go deep undercover at a local college. But when Jenko meets a kindred spirit on the football team, and Schmidt infiltrates the bohemian art major scene, they begin to question their partnership.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 84% **Audience:** 88%

Comedy

They Came Together

Director. David Wain

Stars. Paul Rudd, Amy Poehler

When Joel (Paul Rudd) and Molly (Amy Poehler) meet, it's hate at first sight: his big Corporate Candy Company threatens to shut down her quirky indie candy shop. Plus, Joel is hung up on his sexy ex (Cobie Smulders). But amazingly, they fall in love, until they break up about two thirds of the way through, and Molly starts dating her accountant.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 66% **Audience:** + 91%

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Evil that was decades in the making

Sowing sinister seeds. Director Scott Derrickson blends police procedural and possession drama in his latest offering

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Deliver Us From Evil opens next Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

If the trailers and advance word of mouth are any reliable barometer, the upcoming shocker Deliver Us From Evil (based on the fact-based book by Ralph Sarchie) just might be the American horror movie of the year. It certainly boasts high pedigree in its director.

Scott Derrickson has been a top draw in Hollywood for almost 20 years, penning and directing such hits as The Exorcism of Emily Rose, the remake of The Day the Earth Stood Still and 2012's blockbuster horror film, Sinister. The success of that latter chiller influenced the production of Deliver Us From Evil but Derrickson has had a hand in the long-gestating project for decades.

"(Producer) Jerry Bruckheimer brought the book to me in 1994," notes the director.

"His take was basically, 'Let's make Serpico meets The Exorcist', which I thought was the coolest thing I've ever heard. So I got the job, wrote the first couple of drafts of the script, and then he decided to have another writer on board. But while I was in N.Y.C. I got to spend a week with Ralph, got to know him very well and Ralph was the guy who gave me an out-of-print copy of the book The Exorcism of Annaleise Michel, which I optioned for 100 bucks and turned into The Exorcism of Emily Rose. True Story!"

Quoted

"Audiences loved it. But when they were asked if it was a horror film or a supernatural thriller, they didn't know how to answer."

Director Scott Derrickson on his new film Deliver Us From Evil

The Sarchie script — then called Beware the Night — saw three other writers tinker with it in an attempt to 'improve' it, before Bruckheimer put it on the shelf. Then, after the runaway success of Sinister, things changed.

"When Sinister came out," explains Derrickson, "Screen Gems asked me what I wanted to do next and I told them about Beware the Night. They read my first draft and said, 'We want to make this movie with you.' So here we are."

Retitled Deliver Us From Evil, Derrickson's thriller is indeed a blend of police procedural and possession drama. It chronicles the on-screen version of Sarchie (played by Eric Bana), an New York City cop who teams up with a priest to examine the possibility of a spate of urban violence being linked to the supernatural. Filled with explicit violence but tempered by deeply etched character arcs, it's a film that defies easy categorization. Derrickson claims this was by design.

"It's one of the highest testing movies ever and it's scary. Audiences loved it. But when they were asked if it was a horror film or a supernatural thriller, they didn't know how to answer. I do think it is as much a horror film as it is a cop film and that was the goal, no half and half, rather 100 per cent both genres sharing space."

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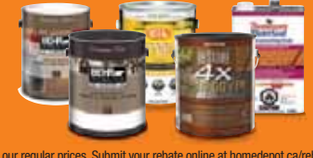

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Bates on blowing up the big screen

Tammy. Kathy Bates gets a little wild in her latest role — and reflects on working with rookie film directors

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Tammy, starring Kathy Bates, opens next Wednesday. CONTRIBUTED

Oscar-winning actress Kathy Bates doesn't suffer fools gladly, especially on a film set. Luckily she didn't have to worry about that too much on the set of Tammy, working with a first-time director — Ben Falcone — who didn't behave like a novice. But she was ready to speak up if need be.

I was curious how much you enjoy blowing stuff up in real life.
Well, I wish I could. There's a few producers I'd like to blow up, that's for sure (laughs). No, it was really fun to get that out of your system. It was fun to blow up the car — and have the fun without it being real, obviously. And I was very proud of myself that I was able to hit the jet ski with the tiki torch consistently. That was thanks to my "wife," Sandra Oh, who encouraged me and gave me the idea that this was something I did when I was in college, that I was actually able to toss a javelin and do track back then.

You and Sandra Oh make a nice couple, actually.
I was happy that the gay relationship was really the most healthy relationship in the movie. When I went into it, I thought, how do you play gay? Unless you're going to make a caricature out of it. I mean, gay or straight, it's a sexual preference or a gender, almost, the way you're born, I feel, and so how are you going to play something like that? With Sandra, she really brought a lot to that relationship. It was such a comfortable relationship to have with her. I just respect her so much as an actress, and she's a beautiful, beautiful person inside and out, so it was easy to pretend that we were in love and had been for many, many years. I think sometimes it's more difficult for lesbians now to be accepted. The men sort of were the vanguard .... Although I think still we've got a way to go on that because there are still unfortunately hate crimes that are going on, but I think because of women's place in society in general, period, I think it's been difficult for lesbians to become as accepted as gay men.

I don't know if there's a measure for that.
Yes, I don't think there's a measure of that, you're exactly right. I wanted to make it clear in (the film) that we worked for everything we had ... Back then it was very difficult to be accepted as a gay woman.

Being an actress as well as a director yourself, how do you find actor-directors compare other types of directors?
I've always felt — and this comes from years of experience but also working at Sundance at the film labs — that there are many, many talented young writer-directors, and they always ask how to talk to actors because their focus has been on technical aspects of the camera. I think that a lot of time young, inexperienced directors will take the scene from the top and they'll go over and over and over again until they get the performance that they want, and they think it's just going to happen by chance, that it's like taking a running you-know-what at a doughnut. It's just catch as catch can and it's wearing on the actors, but that's how they learn.

Rooney Mara to star in Somalian abduction film

A House in the Sky. Bestselling memoir by Amanda Lindhout gets Hollywood treatment

Amanda Lindhout. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A best-selling memoir by an Alberta woman held hostage in Somalia has been optioned by a Hollywood movie production company and Oscar-nominated actor Rooney Mara.

Amanda Lindhout's A House in the Sky details torture and abuse the freelance journalist endured while she was held captive for 15 months, along with an Australian photographer.

The book, co-authored by Sara Corbett, a contributing writer with the New York Times Magazine, has been on several bestseller lists since it was released last fall.

Annapurna Pictures says in a news release there was a competitive pursuit for the book's movie rights.

The company has produced award-winning films such as American Hustle, Her and Zero Dark Thirty.

Mara was nominated for an Academy Award in 2012 for her performance in The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.

The release says the book is to be developed as a starring vehicle for Mara, who will also serve as a producer of the movie.

"Rooney Mara is someone whose talent and adventurous spirit I admire deeply," Lindhout, 33, says in the release.

"I'm thrilled that she's teaming with Annapurna Pictures to bring A House in the Sky to the screen. I can't imagine a better match."

In the book, Lindhout recounts her childhood in Red Deer and the time she spent working as a cocktail waitress in Calgary before she became a travel junkie turned journalist.

She and Nigel Brennan, an ex-boyfriend, were on their way to do a story about a camp for displaced people outside Mogadishu in August 2008 when they were taken by a group of armed men hoping to exchange their release for ransom money.

They were not released until over a year later in November 2009.

The book reveals how the families of the kidnapped pair eventually gave up on the Canadian and Australian governments and co-ordinated their release through a private hostage negotiator.

About $600,000 went to the kidnappers and the same amount paid the negotiator's fees.

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Love in the time of deadpan acts

They Came Together. Wet Hot American Summer director takes aim at the formulaic nature of rom-coms in his latest flick

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They Came Together opens in select theatres and on VOD this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

When comedian and filmmaker David Wain made the movie Wet Hot American Summer 13 years ago, he never dreamed the summer camp satire would become a huge cult hit.

"I was surprised when I started to see that happening," said the director, who's gone on to make such comic hits as Role Models.

"When we did the film, we didn't have many expectations, but we hoped people would like it."

The demand has grown so much, in fact, that a sequel is in the early stages — an idea that originated after Wain reunited many of the 2001 film's original cast — including Amy Poehler and Paul Rudd for They Came Together (in theatres and on-demand this Friday). A parody of romantic comedies, the silly satire follows the aforementioned pair playing two perfectly suited lovers in what is being described as every bit as brilliant as The Naked Gun.

"That's a great compliment," exclaimed Wain, who credits his two stars as delivering the most dry on-camera performances since Gun's legendary lead, Leslie Nielsen.

"You need actors who can perform at a range where they can convey many emotions and deliver the script with such conviction no matter how silly it reads on paper."

Also known as one-third of the comedy troupe Stella (which includes actors Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter), Wain insists They Came Together is both an homage to the formulaic nature of most rom-coms and a lampooning of the ludicrous character developments and clichéd twists of just about every Hollywood heart-tugger produced since (and including) You've Got Mail.

"I think we poked fun at all of them," said Wain.

"We took care to make sure that all of the aspects of romantic comedies were spoofed, from the perfect couple and their best friends to hitting the required story points to using New York not just as a setting but a character as well, we wanted all the tropes of romantic comedies to be in there."

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Check out Sinead's potential comeback, a Finnish group's take on an Iron Maiden classic, and a music video that's never the same twice

Take Me to Church /Sinead O'Connor

Sinead's last couple of records should have received much more attention than they did. Maybe this track (a taste of her upcoming album, I'm Not Bossy, I'm the Boss) will be the comeback she deserves.

Pandora's Box/Isaac Delusion

This song needs to be seen as well as heard. The French band created an ever-changing music video using more than 600 public domain film clips. It never looks the same twice.

The Trooper (Live)/Steve 'n' Seagulls

This Finnish group tackles the Iron Maiden classic in a, um, unique way. But what's with the headdress, dude?

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Video game review

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Elijah Wood, Jack Black and Wil Wheaton star in this eccentric and witty adventure game from Tim Schafer (Grim Fandango), who offers two otherworldly teenage predicaments. Shay is trapped aboard an overprotective space nursery while Vella is to be sacrificed to a monster. Both must recruit the unhelpful characters around them to aid in their escape. Beautiful, hand-painted visuals mix with the offbeat challenges of barfing trees, ice cream avalanches, and bird-brained cultists for a uniquely entertaining journey. Being just Act One, the only downside is the cliffhanger ending.

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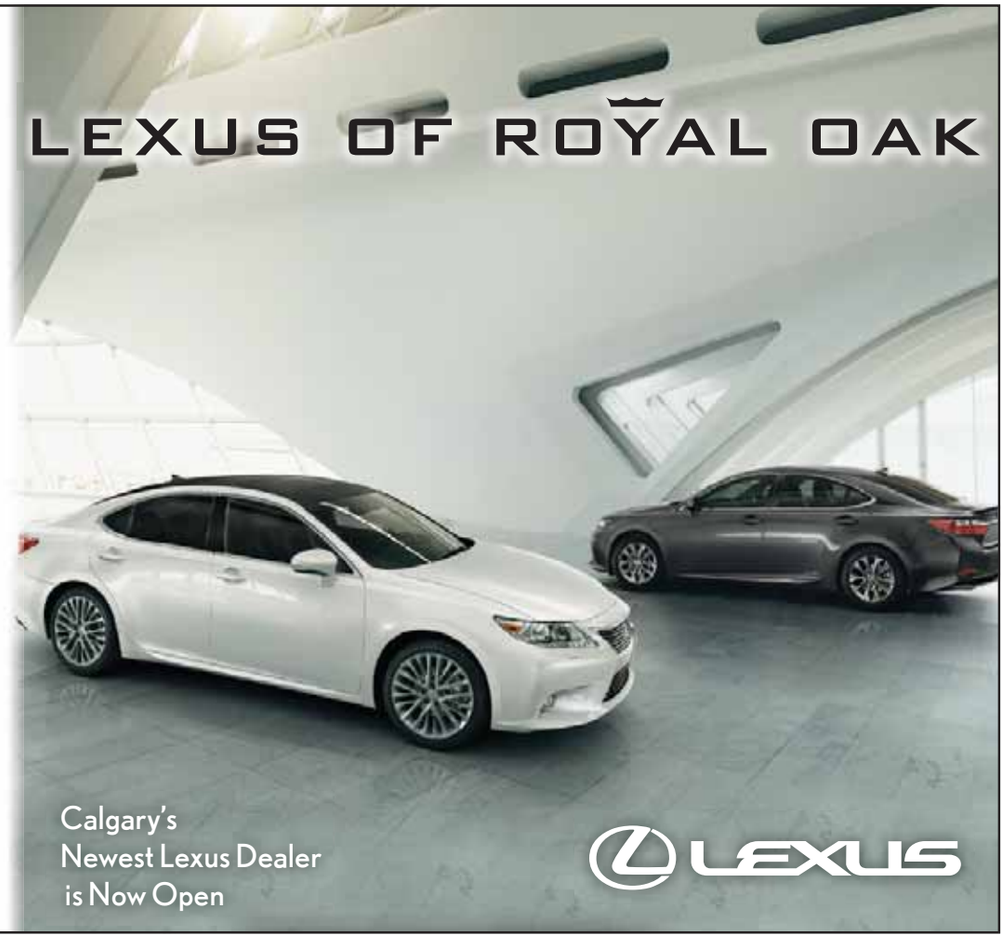

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Nikki high fives working with Quincy

The ingénue and the master. Canadian singer Nikki Yanofsky on what she learned from musical mentor Quincy Jones

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Nikki Yanofsky is the Montreal-born jazz-pop sensation who recently came under the tutelage of legendary musician-producer-composer, Quincy Jones.

The 20-year-old has already experienced more music-biz success than many ever see in a lifetime, and she's just getting started. Her goal to bring old-school throwback jazz into the 21st century is already well under way, and will only be further solidified with the recent release of her newest album, Little Secret.

Yanofsky took a few moments between presenting at the Much Music Video Awards and her performance this weekend at the Montreal Jazz Festival to answer one question for me. I asked her to tell me five things she's learned from her new mentor, and here's what she had to say about working with "The Dude."

Humility. Quincy has no ego. Most of what I learn from him is just from hanging out and seeing how he is as a person. He's one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. The fact that he's so humble is just amazing when you consider his body of work. That's just who he is. One thing he always says is that you must have grace with success.

Never stop learning. He pushes me to learn something every day and to improve myself. It's an ongoing proposition. There's never a moment when I think I know enough, so I keep watching and listening, and I hope that never changes.

Always be yourself. Nothing will take you further than you. Everyone has their own opinions but the only one you have control over is yourself, so trust your gut, because no one really knows what might work and what may not. You can't predict what will be a hit and you can't chase that. Stay true to yourself, stick to your guns and go with what feels right.

Have a good time. Quincy never takes himself too seriously. It's easy to let this business get to you. He doesn't. He's always had to strive for his dream. Seeing what he's overcome and the magnitude of what he has accomplished is inspiration enough for anyone.

Be open. This is just something I've observed that I admire so much. How open-minded he is to everything, every culture, every style of music. He is the most non-judgmental person and it's beautiful to see.

Especially at his age. He's as together as ever and he's got so much to share, and great stories to tell.

Through his travels, he managed to learn 20 different languages. He says if I can learn 10 phrases in each language, by the time I'm his age, I'll be able to speak to anyone.

All in all, I'd have to say I'm blessed by his presence. You couldn't ask for a greater mentor.

Melodic turns of phrase

"Through his travels, he managed to learn 20 different languages. He says if I can learn like 10 phrases in each language, by the time I'm his age, I'll be able to speak to anyone."

Singer Nikki Yanofsky describes one of the things she learned from working with the legendary Quincy Jones.

Legendary music producer, composer and musician Quincy Jones, with singer Nikki Yanofsky. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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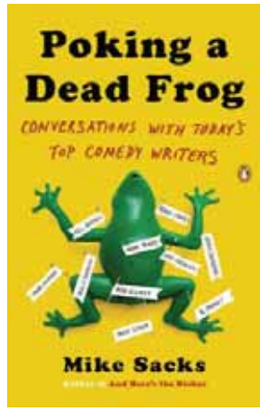
Ribbit or croak. Author pins down top comedy writers about crafting of jokes

Crafting comedy isn't funny business. Between writing And Here's The Kicker: Conversations with 21 Humor Writers About Their Craft and his new book Poking A Dead Frog: Conversations With Today's Top Comedy Writers, Mike Sacks has learned that humour writers are pretty peculiar.

"I'm not sure if (humour writers) are more obsessive than people in other professions, but they can be obsessive about writing and getting better," Sacks tells us. "If you want to be a success, you have to be obsessive. It's not like Mel Brooks stopped working. There's an obsessiveness within him of wanting to succeed after others may view him as having achieved all there is to achieve."

Besides Mel Brooks, some other comedians Sacks interviewed for Poking A Dead Frog include Bill Hader, Will Tracy (who writes headlines for The Onion), Amy Poehler, Paul Feig (Freaks and Geeks, Arrested Development, Bridesmaids), James Downey (Saturday Night Live) and many, many more.



Of all the humour writers and comedians Sacks has interviewed over the years, the person who surprised him the most was 97-year-old Peg Lynch, who wrote for a popular radio show called Ethel and Albert in the 1940s and 1950s.

"I basically just stumbled across her name, located her in a small town in Massachusetts and found her phone number by calling the town hall," he says.

"I called her out of the blue and we spent two hours talking. She was absolutely fascinating and after doing more research, I found out she actually invented the sitcom form."

Lynch's mother worked at the Mayo Clinic and Lynch made her own radio show by interviewing celebrities who would come in, including Lou Gehrig, whose interview was one of the last he did.

But whether it's writing for a '40s radio show or penning opening dialogue for today's late-night chat shows, Sacks says some things about humour writing have stayed the same. "The basics are still there. You have to surprise the audience by connecting with the character. And the character hasn't changed. It's humans acting as humans and us laughing at the foibles."

Humour them

"If someone doesn't laugh at what you do, it's like pointing out that you're ugly. It's very, very hurtful."

Mike Sacks, author of Poking a Dead Frog: Conversations with Today's Top Comedy Writers

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Scripted summer series get sinister

Thrills and chills. From apocalyptic viruses to vanishing villagers to robot uprisings, TV gets downright creepy

Justin Theroux in The Leftovers, debuting on HBO Canada on June 29 at 10 p.m. ET. PAUL SCHIRALDI/HBO

It's a frightful world on TV these days.

A rash of scripted summer thrillers cautions viewers to batten down the hatches. Hold your loved ones tight before they vanish into thin air! And with all the deadly viruses at large, you better bathe in Purell!

A certain brand of TV drama has always kept its audience on high alert, at least as far back as The Twilight Zone. But these days, with agencies hacking your email, new diseases cropping up, ice caps melting and drones overhead, viewers are sitting ducks for the titillation of dramatized threats to offer welcome distraction from the real thing.

The message is clear: Danger lurks everywhere. On your airline flight, you might get something even worse than the food, resulting in a plane that lands at JFK full of passengers-turned-corpses.

That's the big start of The Strain, premiering July 13 on FX Canada. And things quickly worsen. Side effects for each victim on this series include rapid hair loss and a blood-sucking proboscis.

This apocalypse has been loosed by evil forces. The only hope for humanity's salvation is Dr. Ephraim Goodweather (played by series star Corey Stoll). He vows to save the day.

Same with the pandemic on The Last Ship (airing Sundays on Space). By chance, an Arctic-stationed Navy destroyer has evaded this mass outbreak, leaving the crew with the duty of saving what's left of humanity. Good thing they just happen to have on board a renowned paleomicrobiologist, Dr. Rachel Scott (played by Rhona Mitra). She's humanity's only hope for salvation. She vows to save the day.

This virus of unknown origin has already killed 80 per cent of the world's population.

By contrast, a relatively meagre two per cent have disappeared on The Leftovers with no warning. But the 98 per cent left behind are reeling from the mass exodus.

This series (premiering Sunday on HBO Canada) focuses on what's left of tiny Mapleton, N.Y., as citizens scratch their heads and feud about the root cause: rapture, or random catastrophe?

Meanwhile, birth control — in outer space — poses a dilemma on the drama Extant (premiering July 9 on Global).

Halle Berry plays an astronaut who returns home from a year-long solo mission only to discover that, on her flight, she was somehow impregnated. Pretty awkward, since she has a husband who was waiting faithfully back at home — and who, like her, had long believed she was unable to conceive.

Could she be the victim of an extraterrestrial roofie? But who's the dad? Something sinister seems to be afoot, with a NASA official part of the mischief. And to make matters worse, the adorable robot child she and hubby are raising as their flesh-and-blood son just might be a psychopath, not to mention the harbinger of a robot uprising.

Is there any refuge from robot bullies, killer germs and cosmic abductions?

Well, you might look to Chester's Mill, Maine, a once-serene village that was cut off from the outside world, with no notice or explanation, by a Pyrex-on-steroids prison.

This, of course, is the plight of the village in Under the Dome, the hit returning for its second season June 30 on Global. The citizens of Chester's Mill are protected from invaders, but they manage to create plenty of grief for themselves.

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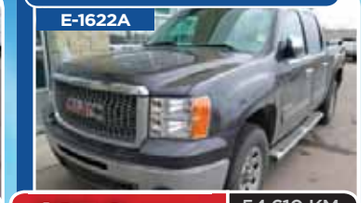

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Jay Z's top tour collaborations

You could create a music award based on Jay Z's collaborative tours. Past nominees for best live performance by Jay Z and friends would include Justin Timberlake, Eminem and Kanye West, among others. This year, the rap king is hitting the road with his superstar wife, Beyoncé (their On the Run Tour kicked off Wednesday in Miami). In light of the duo's epic trek, we look back at Jay Z's co-starring tours.

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Watch the Throne Tour with Kanye West

These two have been a dynamic duo since West started producing some of Hov's best tracks in the early 2000s, and the pair easily tops this list. Performing songs from the incredible Watch the Throne album, the rappers left you wanting more on this 2011 tour.

The Home & Home Tour with Eminem

In some ways, it's hard to call this a 2010 tour, with a mere four dates in their respective hometowns of Detroit and New York. But what it lacked in length, it made up in power. Bringing out the likes of Dr. Dre and 50 Cent at Yankee Stadium also didn't hurt.

Heart of the City Tour, with Mary J. Blige

The Queen of Hip-Hop Soul and the King of ... everything? This 2008 tour married Blige's sweet but gritty soul with Jay's grimy rhymes, and it worked. Blige, with passionate delivery and sermon-like interludes, was the one with the most firepower.

Legends of the Summer Tour with Justin Timberlake

Legends don't always mix well, which J and J proved with this 2013 tour. While it was enjoyable, it wasn't full of sparks, much like their collaborations on the songs Suit & Tie and Holy Grail. More like Holy Fail. OK, not really, but expectations were high for these icons.

The Best of Both Worlds Tour with R Kelly

This 2004 tour had 99 problems from the jump. Shows on the 40-date trek were cancelled amid rumours of tension and jealousy between the superstars. Jay Z relied on his all-star friends (including Snoop Dogg, Busta Rhymes, Blige and Diddy) for a spectacular performance.

Jay-Z & Ciara Live Tour

Did this really happen? If it weren't for Google, we wouldn't be able to confirm that it did. But Jay Z and Ciara (who was more popular in 2009) hit the road together for a five-date tour. We miss the Ciara then (her music was better) and we wonder if she could even open on tour for Jay today.

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Television. Amazing Race Canada's Jon Montgomery says he needs to improve

Though the first season of Amazing Race Canada was such a ratings success that CTV rushed to renew as if sprinting to the mat, host Jon Montgomery can't help but see one area in which the show needs to improve as it heads into its sophomore year.

The host, he says, needs to be better.

"Obviously I need lots of work to continue to find my voice and my pace and my rhythm and my feel for the show," Montgomery told The Canadian Press just before the teams were to begin racing.

"Just becoming, I guess, more aware of what my role in this production is all about. As I become more familiar with what people are wanting of me, and how I can breathe in more of my personality to it, I'll maybe feel better about the job that's been done in the future, as we go along.

"I'm definitely trying to grow with the show. And to think I've got it dialled and I'm Mr. Host With the Most would be — oh my God, a gross overstatement.

"I think," he added, "that's when you get complacent in life and you don't continue to grow."

Heading into the show's first season, the flame-haired 35-year-old was best-known to Canadians as the skeleton racer who celebrated his gold medal victory at the 2010 Vancouver Games by marching down the street, bellowing O Canada and swigging beer straight from a pitcher.

The Amazing Race Canada host Jon Montgomery. BELL MEDIA

As host, Montgomery's supersonic vocal delivery (he was an auctioneer, after all) and chipper demeanour set him in stark contrast from Phil Keoghan's coolly stoic approach to hosting the popular American version of the show.

As far as what he specifically wants to work on, Montgomery feels he might be capable of drawing more out of the "mat chats," otherwise known as the brief, sometimes emotionally charged interactions between the host and the teams finally reaching their goal in each episode.

Quoted

"I'm 35 — I don't really consider myself retired. I consider myself an athlete that quit doing athletics or at least competitive sports."

Jon Montgomery

"Having a better idea of my role and what's expected of me, I hope to be able to have some honest, legitimate conversations with the racers and find out what's making them tick," he said.

Montgomery was speaking before the second Amazing Race Canada — which premieres July 8 on CTV — had actually begun, but he felt he could make certain declarations about the upcoming season with certainty.

For one thing, he promised a "gnarlier" slate of challenges.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jared Leto

Leto named Sexiest Vegetarian Celebrity

As if the Oscar wasn't enough, Jared Leto now has the title of Sexiest Vegetarian Celebrity to be proud of, thanks to PETA. Of course, he has to share the honour with X-Men: Days of Future Past star Ellen Page, who was named as his female counterpart in the realm of sexy vegetarianism, according to E! News. Leto beat out Joaquin Phoenix, Samuel L. Jackson, Peter Dinklage and Woody Harrelson for the honour, while Page smoked Ariana Grande, Mad Men star Jessica Paré, Laura Prepon and Sarah Silverman. Leto recently divulged to the U.K. edition of GQ magazine that he's been meat-free for "20 solid years."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Will Ferrell threatened to bite German soccer players

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

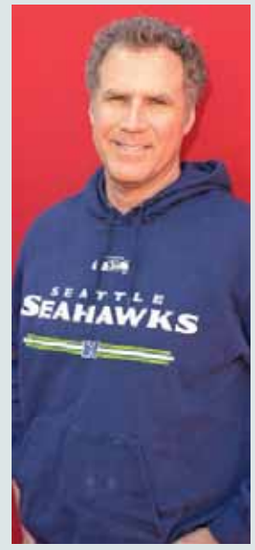
If you were watching Thursday's World Cup game between the U.S. and Germany, which Germany won 1-0, you may have noticed that the U.S. side's secret weapon was absent from the field. Who's that, you ask? No, not star Jozy Altidore — who went down with an injury in the team's very first game of the tournament — but rather Will Ferrell.

The Anchorman star visited U.S. World Cup headquarters in Brazil this week, where he indicated he was ready and willing to pull a Suarez for America in Thursday's game.

Raising the fist of a soccer fan dressed as President Teddy Roosevelt, Ferrell led the crowd in chants of "USA! USA!"

"I'm so honoured to be playing (Thursday)," Ferrell said. "I'm not gonna lie to you, I'm not in soccer shape right now, but I'm gonna try my best ... If the game gets close, I will bite the opponent. I will bite every German player if I have to."

Ferrell also promised to reunite with fans after the game to party. "Look for the guy sitting next to Teddy Roosevelt in a red, white and blue bikini top," he said.



Orlando Bloom

Orlando's hard partying may have been the reason Miranda called it quits

It seems the secret ingredient to Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr's divorce was his penchant for drinking. Sources tell Radar Online that Bloom has a tendency to "black out" and "become someone else" when partying, which Kerr couldn't stand. The source points to one particular party last year just before their separation was announced. "Orlando got wasted at one of Ian McKellan's famous dinner parties, which was mostly just a wine party. Miranda hates when Orly gets drunk the way he does because he often blacks out and forgets where he is," the source explains. "Someone usually walks him home just to be safe, but I think the drinking was the flaw Miranda used to file the divorce."

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Condiments take the lead

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My resolution to be bolder when I barbecue this season is going ... slowly.

While I may have had dreams of planked salmon and racks of baby back ribs dancing on my grill, the lowly hamburger and hot dog just keep calling.

Not that they can't be considered haute cuisine, there are plenty of glossy cookbooks dedicated to both. What I really love is that you don't have to get fancy when looking for a wine match. The thing to remember is that the meat involved isn't the star of the show. It's everything you pile on top that dictates the pairing. Sugary condiments, hot peppers, cheese, sauerkraut — you name it, someone is layering it between their buns. Off-dry red and white wines are the most accommodating because they can roll with the sweet extremes and smother the fire of anything hot.

California's Revolution Red ($9.49 - $12.99) is a bright, berry-forward wine with a touch of residual sweetness. With more body than you might expect at its price-point, it makes a great partner with simple barbecue fare.

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P.E.I. grows potatoes and the mini red ones can be tossed into the grain pot so everything simmers together to create a new twist on summer's ubiquitous potato salad.

Salad dressing

If you've never seen a canola field in bloom in a province like Alberta, you missing out on beautiful golden yellow fields that generate an oil seed that is in demand all over the world. The other yellow crop grown in many provinces including Ontario is mustard seed, which is a great binder in vinaigrette.

Apples grow across Canada, including in Newfoundland and New Brunswick, so apple cider vinegar is a must. Quebec maple trees are tapped for their sweet sap that adds a piquant sweetness to a savoury dish.

Greens are grown everywhere so a tiptoe through the farmland will deliver bitter dandelion and chives.

Protein topping

In British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Nunavut salmon is a deep and ancient part of the culture. The other coast of Nova Scotia serves up crab. To make life simple, go for the canned stuff. It's simple to use but equally delicious and nourishing.

According to Agriculture Canada, the Yukon's biggest export is cattle and forage, so Greek yogurt, the popular dairy product, will lend a creaminess and protein to the seafood salad topping.

1. In a large pot, bring water, a pinch of salt, potatoes, barley and flax seed to a boil, cover, and turn down to simmer for 30 minutes. When cooked, stir in 1/4 cup of vinegar, salt and pepper.

2. Whisk 1/4 cup canola oil, 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar, maple syrup and mustard for dressing.

3. Mix drained salmon and crab with Greek yogurt and 1 tbsp mustard plus chives.

4. Layer salad with barley mixture on the bottom, topped with dandelion or other greens then seafood salad. Drizzle with dressing. **THERESA ALBERT IS A FOOD COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AND TORONTO PERSONAL NUTRITIONIST. SHE IS @THERESAALBERT ON TWITTER AND FOUND DAILY AT MYFRIENDINFOOD.COM**

Ingredients

- 6 cups water
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 1/4 cup flax seeds
- 1 lb mini red potatoes
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar, divided
- 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 2 tbsp mustard, divided
- 1 can boneless, skinless salmon drained
- 1 can crabmeat, drained
- 2 tbsp chopped chives
- 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 4 cups dandelion greens

Notice of Hearing For
Temporary Guardianship Order To
Brendon Tracey

Take notice that on the **7th day of July 2014 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta,** a hearing will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Temporary Guardianship Order**; of your child born on **DECEMBER 8, 2007**. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you MUST appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

You do have the right to appeal the Order within 30 days from the date the Order is made.

Contact: Diane Charlebois; Jackie Ellice; Daniella Eggink
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Notice of Decision For
Permanent Guardianship Order To
Colleen Piapot and Douglas Grondin

Take notice that on the **20th day of June 2014 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta**, a Permanent Guardianship Order was granted with no access and no termination visit.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act has made an application for: **Permanent Guardianship Order;** of your child born on **November 20, 2013**. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. Since you did not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order was made in your absence. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

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Style Rodeo

To help you get into the spirit of Stampede, the CORE Shopping Centre is throwing a special party on July 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wild West and all the great fashion you can find at this swanky downtown centre have inspired the Style Rodeo, where attendees will have an exciting chance to participate in a shoe toss, a mannequin-dressing contest, and a garment bag race. There will also be a meet-and-greet with country superstar Keith Urban, which should be reason enough to attend. To learn more about the event: coreshopping.ca

Stampede Parade

The annual Stampede Parade takes place on July 4 to kick off the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, and if you are a true Calgarian you should really plan to be there. Everything kicks off at 8:55 a.m., but plan to arrive a little early to secure a decent spot so you can see the floats, performers, riders and VIPs that will be making their way through the procession. This year's parade marshall is William Shatner, and Sochi heroes Gilmore Junio and Denny Morrison will also be participating. To view the map of the parade route and to see who else will be parading, see here: cs.calgarystampede.com

Sharon Van Etten

If you're looking for something that won't involve cowboy hats or country music, Republik is hosting the lovely Brooklyn chanteuse Sharon Van Etten on July 8. Described as a neo folk artist, this songstress' work has been covered by everyone from Bon Iver to The National. To get excited for the show, you can listen to the new tracks from her latest album Are We There (sharonvanetten.com). Shows begin early on weekdays so be there for 8 p.m. Tickets are $17 and can be found at: ticketfly.com.

Cowboys Night Club

Now, for those of you who want to catch a show that isn't country or Western but still partake in the fun of Stampede, you can see some pretty interesting acts at the Cowboys Night Club over the next two weeks. On July 2, Metric is going to be bringing their pop and sass to the venue (doors at 6 p.m.) and then Snoop Dog is making an appearance (doors also at 6 p.m.) on July 13. Nothing says Stampede like a little Gin & Juice. For the full line up and to purchase tickets visit the site: cowboysnightclub.com

Electrodash

There's no shortage of fun races to participate in this summer. Here's a great one that's more of a party with a bit of running involved. Have you ever run a race with fog machines and sound tunnels? On September 12, you can be part of the Electrodash at Canada Olympic Park that will include five kilometres of glow-in-the-dark lights and lots of beats. After the race, everyone will be celebrating at the finish line with a crazy DJ dance party. First laser's at 8 p.m. Sign up online today: electrodash5k.com

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Because these fillets tend to have a uniform thickness, they cook up evenly. And that means all your guests can eat at the same time. Larger fillets can feed upward of 10 people. They also happen to look impressive on a platter.

When buying salmon fillets, opt for skin-on. The skin adds flavour and protects the delicate fish during grilling. The skin also gives you a nifty way to remove the fish from the grill with no fear of sticking. Start by having your fishmonger cut the skin from the fillet, then place the fillet back on the skin before wrapping it.

When ready to cook, you simply set the skin on the grill, then place the salmon on top of it. The salmon even could be cut into individual portions before being placed on the skin. Then just cook as directed and remove from the grill (lifting it off the skin) using a spatula.

The trick when buying salmon is to smell the fish. If it smells briny and clean, it is fresh. If it has any "fishy" or ammonia smell, do not buy it.

Once you have your piece of fish, remove it from the paper and slowly and gently run your fingers up and down the flesh to feel for any small bones that have been left in it.

You can remove these with fish pliers, cooking tweezers or standard drugstore tweezers.

Because salmon is a more "meaty" fish, it can stand up to a world of flavours. That definitely is the case with the simple maple-bourbon glaze used in this recipe.

It has only three main ingredients, so each of those ingredients must be of the best quality. The star is the bourbon, sweetened by real maple syrup and fresh orange juice, all balanced by a pinch of salt.

This simple glaze brightens up the salmon, adds a complexity that makes you want a second helping, and elevates your backyard grilling to three-star status!

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 2 lb centre-cut salmon fillet (about 1 inch thick), skin separated, then replaced (ask your butcher to do this)
- Olive oil
- Salt and ground white pepper
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- Juice and zest of 1/2 small orange
- 2 tbsp bourbon

1. Heat grill to medium and prepare for indirect cooking. On a charcoal grill, this entails banking coals to one side and cooking on cooler side. On a gas grill, it means turning off one side (or the centre burner) and cooking over the cooler section.

2. Check for and remove any small bones in salmon. Brush salmon on all sides with olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Lay fish, skin-side down, directly on cooking grate on the cooler side of the grill. Cook salmon until opaque, but still moist, 25 minutes, depending on thickness of fish.

3. Meanwhile, in bowl whisk maple syrup, orange zest and juice, the bourbon and a pinch of salt. Brush the glaze over the salmon during the final 10 minutes. Do not turn the salmon during cooking.

4. To transfer fish to serving platter, slide a wide spatula between flesh and the skin. Lift the salmon off the grill, leaving the skin behind. Cover the salmon with foil to keep warm.

5. Slide the skin over to the hot side of the grill, then close the lid. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the skin is crisp and the salmon oils are bubbling. Remove the skin from the grill and serve on the side as you would a chip.

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Halloumi steals salad spotlight

1. Slice the onion into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Spear the slices across the grain with a small wooden skewer.

2. In a zip-close plastic bag, combine 1 tablespoon of olive oil, the vinegar, oregano, lemon zest and juice, and garlic. Add a pinch of salt and a hefty pinch of black pepper. Place the skewered onions, artichokes, halloumi and peppers in the bag. Allow to marinate, refrigerated, for at least 2 hours, and up to overnight.

3. Heat the grill to medium-high.

4. Using a slotted spoon, remove the vegetables and cheese from the marinade. Place on a rimmed baking sheet. Arrange the romaine lettuce on the baking sheet and pour the marinade over it, being sure to coat all sides and allow the marinade to seep down into the lettuce leaves. Season with salt and pepper.

5. Grill the onion, artichoke, halloumi and peppers for 4 to 6 minutes per side, or until charred. Grill the romaine lettuce and tomatoes, whole and on the stem, for 3 to 4 minutes, or until charred.

6. To serve, place a half romaine heart on a plate. Arrange a quarter of the artichokes, halloumi, peppers and tomatoes around the romaine. Sprinkle with the chopped olives, then drizzle with additional olive oil and the balsamic glaze.

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Ingredients

- 1 medium red onion
- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp minced fresh oregano
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 14-oz can artichoke bottoms, well drained
- 8 oz halloumi cheese, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 2 bell peppers, colour of your choice, cored and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 10 oz cocktail tomatoes, on stem
- 2 hearts of romaine lettuce, halved lengthwise
- 1/2 cup chopped Kalamata olives
- Balsamic glaze, to drizzle

This Grilled Greek Salad recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stampeders win turf war with front office

CFL. New field turf at McMahon Stadium has Calgary club feeling fresh going into season

Drew Tate leads Calgary into the 2014 season as the Stampeders host Montreal on the new turf at McMahon stadium on Saturday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Calgary Stampeders will open their Canadian Football League regular season Saturday against the Montreal Alouettes feeling less sore and beaten up from the pre-season.

New turf installed at McMahon Stadium this spring lessened wear and tear on the players' bodies during training camp.

"The turf helps a lot on your knees," linebacker Karl McCartney said. "I'm a heavy guy so, normally, the knees ache right away, but I went all throughout camp with hardly any pain in the joints.

"We have this thing called 'vet days.' If your knees are aching from playing for so long, you need the extra rest to heal up so I think there was a lot less vet days this camp."

The outgoing turf installed in 2006 had reached its eight-year life span. Some Stampeders said it expired before that. Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell compared it to "running on a basketball court with carpet on it."

"We've been asking for new turf around here for a couple years and we're definitely noticing a difference — legs, joints, ankles, knees and hips feel a whole lot better," receiver Maurice Price said. "The last turf didn't give at all. We hated it."

The new surface is the updated version of the previous by FieldTurf. It's a synthetic fibre mat filled with tiny rubber pellets.

"The tendinitis is down," Stampeder athletic therapist Mike Gudmundson said. "Especially from what we're seeing so far, getting through two-a-days, the wear and tear on knees, the ankles and hips is down, the low-back tightness is reduced.

"Things like tendinitis or contusions, obviously cushioning helps with those things. Guys can change shoes and in-soles, but it still comes down to the surface you're playing on. Softer surface with more cushioning definitely helps us in that regard."

The water barrier between McMahon's asphalt base and the fibre mat is improved, Stampeder president Gordon Norrie said.

"The old water barrier was pretty much hard plastic," Norrie explained. "The new one is much more malleable. As the players refer to it, there's a lot more bounce, more traction with this field."

The manufactured green fibre breaks down under ultraviolet rays, so outdoor turf wears out sooner than indoors, he added.

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Week 1 pick

Alouettes at Stampeders (Saturday, 1 p.m.)

Life after Anthony Calvillo begins for Montreal, with former Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith now starting. He'll have former NFL star Chad Johnson in the lineup making his CFL debut. It will be Tom Higgins' first game as Als head coach. Bo Levi Mitchell starts at QB for Calgary facing a tough defence anchored by linebacker Chip Cox. But Calgary still boasts running back Jon Cornish, and slotback Nik Lewis returns after missing much of last year with a broken ankle. Another Stampeder worth watching is defensive lineman Charleston Hughes, who had a CFL-high 18 sacks last year.

Pick — Calgary

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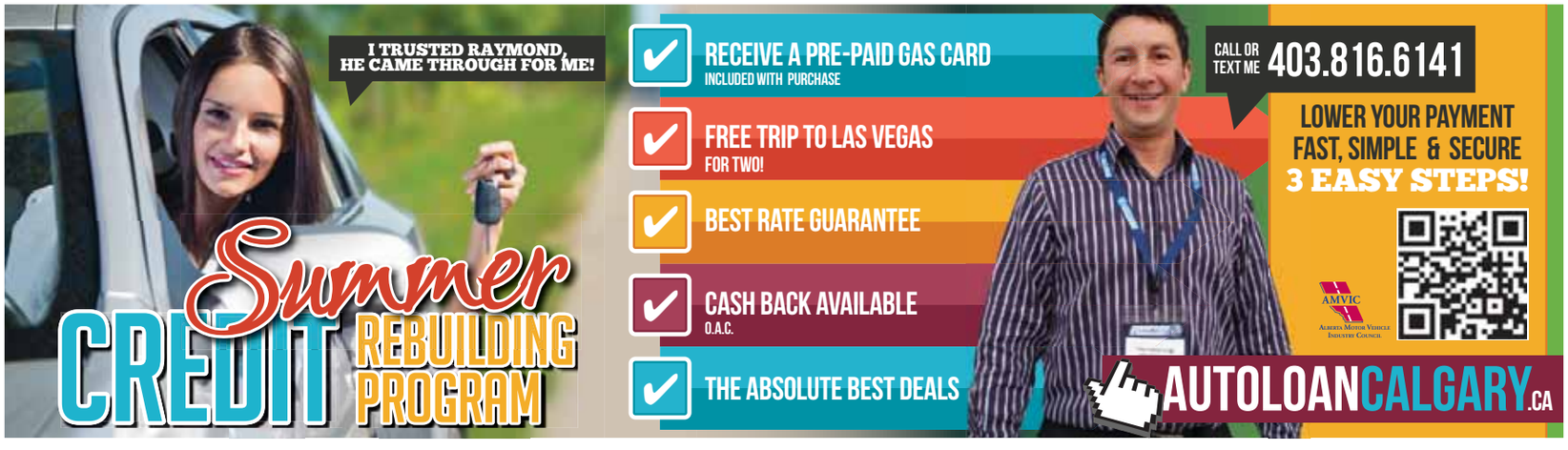

Bombers kick off CFL season with Argos in Winnipeg

Blue Bombers Aaron Kelly and Cory Watson celebrate Kelly's first-half touchdown against the Toronto Argonauts during the CFL's season opener on Thursday night at Investors Group Field in Winnipeg. Go to metronews.ca for more coverage. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raonic socks it to Sock in straight sets

Bouchard and Raonic. Canadian tennis stars both win to advance to third round at All England Club

Canada's Milos Raonic returns a shot against Jack Sock on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Milos Raonic didn't seem that thrilled about reaching the third round of Wimbledon for the first time in his career.

After all, the No. 8 seed is chasing far loftier goals.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., defeated American Jack Sock 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in Wimbledon's second round on Thursday. And while this is the first time he has progressed this far at the All England Club, he wasn't about to gush over a third-round appearance.

"It might sound a little bit harsh, but (I don't have) too much feeling for it," he said. "I want to do much better than I have to this point and than I have done today."

Raonic was later joined in the third round by women's 13th seed Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount, Que., who defeated Silvia Soler-Espinosa of Spain 7-5, 6-1.

While Raonic spoke of improvement, he never looked in trouble against Sock. He had 13 aces, 39 winners and three breaks of serve in the match.

"I found a rhythm. For me, the most important thing, especially on grass, is finding that rhythm on second serve return," said Raonic. "I found that quite early on, and I was able to stick through it. In both of first two sets I was able to get early breaks, which helps. I was clean off my service games.

"At all of these majors, I want to play better than I have in the past, to fight, compete and try to play better each day."

Raonic will face Poland's Lukasz Kubot in the third round. Kubot advanced with a 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (3) win over Serbia's Dusan Lajovic.

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"I was just really trying to go for my shots. It just took a little bit of time but I'm happy I adapted and really kind of moved forward without looking back in the second."

Montreal's Eugenie Bouchard

Als-Stamps. Smith knows Calvillo shadow looms large

Alouettes quarterback Troy Smith GETTY IMAGES

Troy Smith is ready to hear Anthony Calvillo's name mentioned every time he lines up at quarterback for the Montreal Alouettes.

The Heisman Trophy-winning pivot, who joined the Alouettes midway through last season, will be the club's first opening-game starter other than Calvillo in 15 years when Montreal plays its first game of the 2014 CFL regular season at Calgary on Saturday.

They are massive shoes to fill, with Calvillo having retired in the off-season as the league's all-time passing leader.

"I'll never stop hearing those references," Smith said this week. "I think it's great to be mentioned with a great name like that.

"I haven't done nearly the things he has, and just holding onto his coattails a bit has been fun so far. But as a man, I definitely want to make my own path. That's why I'm here."

Smith takes over the key position on a team that was a powerhouse for most of Calvillo's time behind centre, but which has been sliding in recent seasons.

And even though they remain well-stocked with top talent at many positions, the Alouettes are perceived as a team in decline.

Last season was a disaster, with the inexperienced Dan Hawkins fired as head coach only five games into the season, followed shortly by a season-ending, and career-ending, injury to Calvillo.

They finished 8-10, tying their worst record since they returned to Montreal after a 10-year gap in 1996, and lost to Hamilton in the East Division semifinal.

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U.S. a winner in a losing situation

Advancing from Group G. Germans defeat Americans, both move on to knockout stage

Germany's Lukas Podolski leaps into Michael Bradley of the United States to clear the ball during their Group G World Cup match in Recife, Brazil, Thursday. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joachim Loew and Jurgen Klinsmann shook hands, smiled and patted each other on the shoulders, like the two good friends they are. The two coaches had every reason to be pleased: Both of their teams advanced to the knockout stage of the World Cup.

Loew's Germany beat Klinsmann's United States 1-0 thanks to Thomas Mueller's fourth goal of the tournament and the outcome allowed both teams to advance. Portugal beat Ghana 2-1 in the other Group G match, but both were eliminated.

A draw would have been enough as well, and it had been the matter of much conjecture before Thursday's rain-drenched match. But neither team held back and both attacked, although Germany was clearly in control.

"Well, first I asked him (Klinsmann) for the result of the other match. I didn't know that and he also told me they advanced and I told him, I'm happy," Loew said.

"That is a tough group and the Americans were a bit the outsiders. Everybody considered Portugal a favourite to make it ... (The Americans) really have qualities, they fight, they can run and they really are tough on the opponent. If you beat Ghana, play a draw against Portugal, I think you deserve to make it to the next round."

Germany, a three-time champion, plays Algeria, the runner-up in Group H, on June 30. The Americans play Belgium, the winner of that group, on July 1.

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Unbeaten in Group H

10-man Belgium beats Korea

Defender Jan Vertonghen scored from a rebound in the 78th minute to give 10-man Belgium a 1-0 victory over South Korea on Thursday to clinch top spot in Group H at the World Cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Making history

Algeria advances past group play

Algeria has qualified for the World Cup knockout stages for the first time after Islam Slimani's headed equalizer gave his team a 1-1 draw against Russia on Thursday.

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Win not enough. Portugal going home despite 2-1 triumph over Ghana

Cristiano Ronaldo finally made his mark at the World Cup — but it came too late to spare Portugal an early exit from Brazil.

The world player of the year broke his scoring drought at the tournament with an 80th-minute winner in Portugal's 2-1 victory over Ghana on Thursday.

That result, however, left the Portuguese level on four points with United States in Group G but with an inferior goal difference.

Ronaldo barely celebrated after slamming home his goal with his left foot, giving Portugal its first win after a 4-0 loss to Germany and 2-2 draw with the U.S.

A 2-1 win would have put Ghana through but Majeed Waris' headed chance in the 60th went wide and was the only genuine opening created before Ronaldo's sucker-punch.

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"We deserved more, but that's football. We are leaving with our heads held high." Cristiano Ronaldo

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Sam Reinhart answers questions during a media availability for some of the top draft prospects on Thursday in Philadelphia. MITCHELL LEFF/GETTY IMAGES

Spotlight shifts from dads to sons

NHL draft. Offspring of former star players on cusp of pro careers, though not all are spitting images

Their last names follow them to every rink: Lemieux, MacInnis, Turgeon.

It's a blessing and a burden for nine sons of former NHL players who are all expected to be taken in the first four rounds of the draft this weekend. There's Sam Reinhart, son of Paul; William Nylander, son of Michael; Kasperi Kapanen, son of Sami; Ryan MacInnis, son of Al; Brendan Lemieux, son of Claude; Ryan Donato, son of Ted; Daniel Audette, son of Donald; Dominic Turgeon, son of Pierre; and Josh Wesley, son of Glen.

"It's just awesome to see that other players' sons are being able to make it because there's a little bit of pressure that comes with playing with the name on your back," Brendan Lemieux said. "And it's not very easy, especially when you're playing minor hockey, to do it when your dad's there and people see you different just because of who your dad is."

So many of these young men shared similar experiences along the way, getting a taste of the NHL lifestyle at practice rinks and in locker-rooms.

"I felt like I was kind of born into hockey with my dad," Dominic Turgeon said. "At that very young age I promised myself, that's what I want to do with my life."

Along the way, these nine prospects took varying paths. Some followed in their father's footsteps as closely as possible, while others wanted to do their own thing.

"It's just the father-son relationship: that DNA's there," NHL Central Scouting director Dan Marr said. "Sometimes they play opposite styles: Tie and Max Domi, Ryan and Al (MacInnis)."

Sam Reinhart, who's expected to be a top-five pick in Friday night's first round, is a centre whereas his father spent 10 NHL seasons as a defenceman. Sam was born six years after Paul retired and didn't really model his game after him as much as naturally picking up some tendencies.

"My dad never really taught me a skating side of the game, and I think that's just kind of the way I picked it up and I hear it has been similar to his," Reinhart said. "I'll take that."

Kasperi Kapanen, who spent the first 12 years of his life in North America as Sami played for the Carolina Hurricanes and Philadelphia Flyers, considers his dad the biggest influence on his hockey career as his teacher, mentor, trainer and No. 1 fan all at the same time. At one point, Sami and Kasperi were teammates for KalPa Kuopio in Finland, which made him think twice.

"It's kind of weird if he has the puck on the ice and you're with him and yell out, 'Dad!'" he said. "And you think about it for a second like, 'What's going on?'" THE CANADIAN PRESS

Like father like son

Brendan Lemieux has been considered a carbon copy of his dad, Claude Lemieux. Brendan knows the game has changed since his father sunk the Stanley Cup to the bottom of the family's pool in 2000 but doesn't want to deviate much from how Claude played.

- "I think I can still bring that maybe a little bit of old-school sandpaper to a power-forward type role," said Lemieux, who admires Dallas Stars pest Antoine Roussel's game. "I think a lot of teams are looking for that edge."

Brendan Lemieux THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 months off. FIFA bans Suarez for biting incident

Luis Suarez exits the World Cup with one of the longest bans in tournament history, and his reputation once again in tatters.

The Uruguay forward, widely regarded as one of the best players in the world, was banned by FIFA from all football for four months on Thursday for biting an Italian opponent in an incident that marred the team's victory and progression to the second round.

It's the third time he's served a suspension for biting an opponent — after similar incidents at both Ajax in the Dutch league and Liverpool in England — and the second straight World Cup where Suarez exits in disgrace.

The four-month ban will sideline Suarez for the first two months of Liverpool's season. He was also suspended for Uruguay's next nine matches, which extends beyond the four months and rules him out of next year's Copa America, where his team is the defending champion. The Uruguayan football federation said it would appeal.

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Aside from Diego Maradona's 15-month suspension for a failed drug test at the 1994 tournament, it's the longest ban handed out to a player at the World Cup. FIFA also fined Suarez 100,000 Swiss francs ($112,000).

Suarez bit the left shoulder of defender Giorgio Chiellini on Tuesday in Natal during Uruguay's 1-0 win over Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Blue Jays take White Sox to the cleaners

J.A. Happ and two relievers combined on a four-hit shutout and Adam Lind drove in three runs as the Toronto Blue Jays kicked off a four-game series Thursday night with a 7-0 win over the Chicago White Sox.

Jose Reyes scored twice and had four of Toronto's 12 hits as the first-place Blue Jays (45-36) moved two games ahead of the idle Baltimore Orioles in the American League East.

Happ (7-4), who walked a pair, had a season-high eight strikeouts and tied a season high by working 7 2/3 innings. Dustin McGowan and Chad Jenkins completed the shutout.

Chicago (36-44) has lost seven of its last eight games and dropped 10 of 11 on the road. THE CANADIAN PRESS

100th anniversary threads for Canada's national teams

Hockey Canada unveiled new jersey that will be worn by the men's, women's and sledge hockey teams as the organization marks its 100th anniversary. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, left, congratulates Andrew Wiggins of Kansas who was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers as the number one pick in the 2014 NBA draft, Thursday in New York. JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wiggins goes to Cleveland as No. 1 NBA draft pick

First choice. Cleveland gets first pick again following injury of last year's pick Bennett

Andrew Wiggins has been taken by the Cleveland Cavaliers with the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

The Cavs went for a freshman from Vaughan, Ont., to open the draft for the second straight year Thursday and will hope Wiggins works out better than Anthony Bennett of Brampton, Ont.

Bennett was injured last summer, came into the season out of shape and made no impact, one of the reasons the Cavs were back in this spot again.

But Wiggins seems a much more ready product after averaging a Kansas freshman-record 17.1 points. He might have ended up as the top pick anyway, but became the best option for the Cavs when Jayhawks teammate Joel Embiid suffered a stress fracture in his right foot shortly before the draft.

Wearing a black tuxedo jacket with a white floral pattern, the guard slipped on a maroon Cleveland hat, hugged his supporters and went on stage to shake hands with Commissioner Adam Silver, who was calling the first round for the first time since replacing David Stern.

Milwaukee followed with another freshman, Duke forward Jabari Parker, who on Wednesday disputed that he was out of shape for his workout with Cleveland and performed poorly.

Embiid went third to Philadelphia, drawing loud cheers from the many red-and-blue dressed 76ers fans who made the trip to Barclays Center in Brooklyn, as well as from Philadelphia guard Michael Carter-Williams, last season's Rookie of the Year who was sitting on the arena floor level.

The 76ers had two top-10 picks and could afford to take a chance on Embiid, the big man who may have ended up the top prize despite his lone season at Kansas ending early because of a bad back. But once the foot injury popped up during workouts, leaving his NBA debut uncertain after surgery, the two teams at the top passed.

Arizona forward Aaron Gordon went fourth to Orlando, which also had two picks in the lottery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EMPLOYEE PRICE FROM $29,136 OR EMPLOYEE FINANCING FROM $166 B/W

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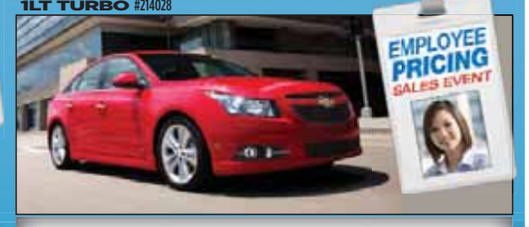
2014 CHEVROLET CRUZE

1LT TURBO #214028



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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Take care of family matters today. You will not only have the desire to do something about them but partners will for once be co-operative, so make the most of the situation and spread a little happiness.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Short trips will be productive today, so don't stay in one place for too long. The more you are on the move the more likely it is you will meet people who can be of some use to you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
What happens today will remind you that money is not the most important thing in the world. Yes, you need to make a living but that does not mean you should put material things ahead of everything else.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
A new moon in your birth sign today gives you an advantage over most people and you would be a fool not to take advantage of it. You may not have this much energy for quite a while, so be amazing.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You have nothing to fear and everything to look forward to and the more you repeat that phrase to yourself today the more likely it is you will have a great time.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's new moon suggests you can take a leadership role in group activities. Others will follow you willingly if you are willing to take more responsibility. Lead from the front.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You can expect something big to happen on the work front over the next few days. But why wait for things to happen to you? Show those in power you're ready to be promoted.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Because today's new moon falls in one of the more expansive areas of your chart your thoughts will be positive. What you think about now will be your reality later on.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Cosmic activity in one of the more sensitive areas of your chart may give you a negative view of life but it does not have to be that way. What happens over the next 24 hours will confirm that you are loved.

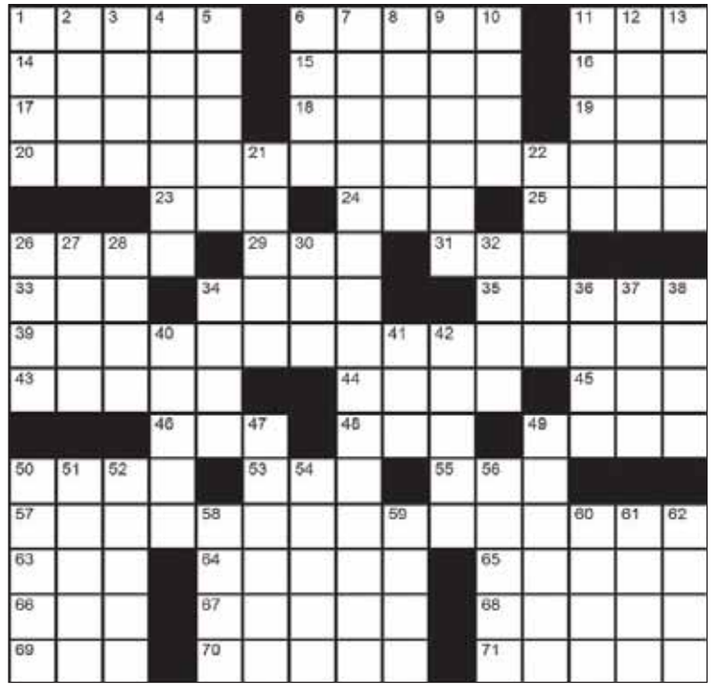
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A new moon in your opposite sign of Cancer means that partners and loved ones will be full of themselves over the next 24 hours. Instead of getting angry about it why don't you join in the fun?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Others insist that you work harder but don't do it. You may have time and energy at your disposal but you should be using it to further your own aims, not the aims of others.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's new moon in the most dynamic area of your chart endows you with confidence and energy. Whatever you put your mind to will be a success. But don't spread yourself too thin. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

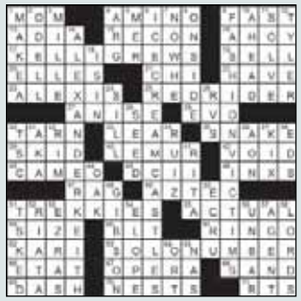
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Legendary Newfoundland sketch comedy troupe
6. Soap brand
11. Game-on-the-green org.
14. Former
15. Open-mouthed
16. Alternatives
17. On _ __ (Doing fantastic)
18. Within the law
19. 'Not' in Nice?
20. Greenhouse gas guzzler's global gait: 2 wds.
23. She gave Odysseus a veil
24. E-I connection
25. Halts
26. Office cabinet's one-of-some
29. Tommy Jones link
31. Feminine side
33. Ruckus
34. Comedy: The __ Brothers
35. Principle
39. What Amity Island's mayor is very reluctant about in "Jaws" (1975) given that it's tourist season: 3 wds.
43. Bon __ (Fictional Louisiana setting of "True Blood")
44. 'Resist' suffix
45. __ Beta Kappa
46. "__ showtime!"
48. Name: French
49. Comprehends
50. Buggy
53. Cdn. business since 1670
55. Actor Mr. Townsend, to pals
57. Richard Burton's bride in 1964 when they were wed in Montreal: 2 wds.
63. Fared
64. Humphrey Bogart's nickname
65. Perhaps
66. Ottawa's Carling, e.g.
67. Helicopter part
68. Miscalculated
69. Hi-__ graphics
70. "House of the Rising Sun" bit: "...and God I know __ __."
71. Doesn't depart

Down
1. Canadian politics channel
2. Odd, to a Scot
3. Designer fashion brand
4. "Bubbly" by __ Caillat
5. Acrylic fabric
6. Baby bovine
7. "Transformers: __ __ __" (2014)
8. City in Quebec
9. Indifference
10. Fido's cry!
11. Make a brief visit: 2 wds.
12. Newfoundland's __ Banks
13. Helpers, for short
21. Baseball's Mr. Ryan
22. Ms. Zellweger
26. Bit of truth
27. Don't __ (Green-driving 'do')
28. Weaving machine
30. Energy unit
32. "The Way We Were" bit: "Can __ __ that...?"
34. Spray
36. Scruff
37. Authentic
38. "Analyze __" (1999)
40. 1972 Olympic swimming great Mark
41. "Game of Thrones" network
42. Freddy K.'s haunt: 2 wds.
47. '50s hit for Toronto quartet The Crewcuts: "__-__"
49. Edifice Marie-__ (Quebec City's tallest building)
50. Aromatic tree
51. Still has a pulse
52. Drives
54. "I __ __ differ..."
56. De-wilds
58. Dugout shelter
59 "__ Comes the Sun" by The Beatles
60. Opera __ Ottawa (Professional opera company)
61. Comply
62. Wine hues

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	2	3				1		
			2	1				6
9					6			2
		9	4		1		3	
	5			7			6	
	8		5		2	7		
8			3					4
4				5	7			
		7				9	5	

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	7	3	1	9	5	2	8	6
6	2	8	3	7	4	1	5	9
1	9	5	2	6	8	3	7	4
8	1	7	5	3	6	9	4	2
3	5	2	9	4	1	8	6	7
9	6	4	7	8	2	5	3	1
7	8	9	4	1	3	6	2	5
2	3	1	6	5	7	4	9	8
5	4	6	8	2	9	7	1	3

Weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAX: 22° MIN: 11°	MAX: 17° MIN: 12°	MAX: 19 MIN: 11°

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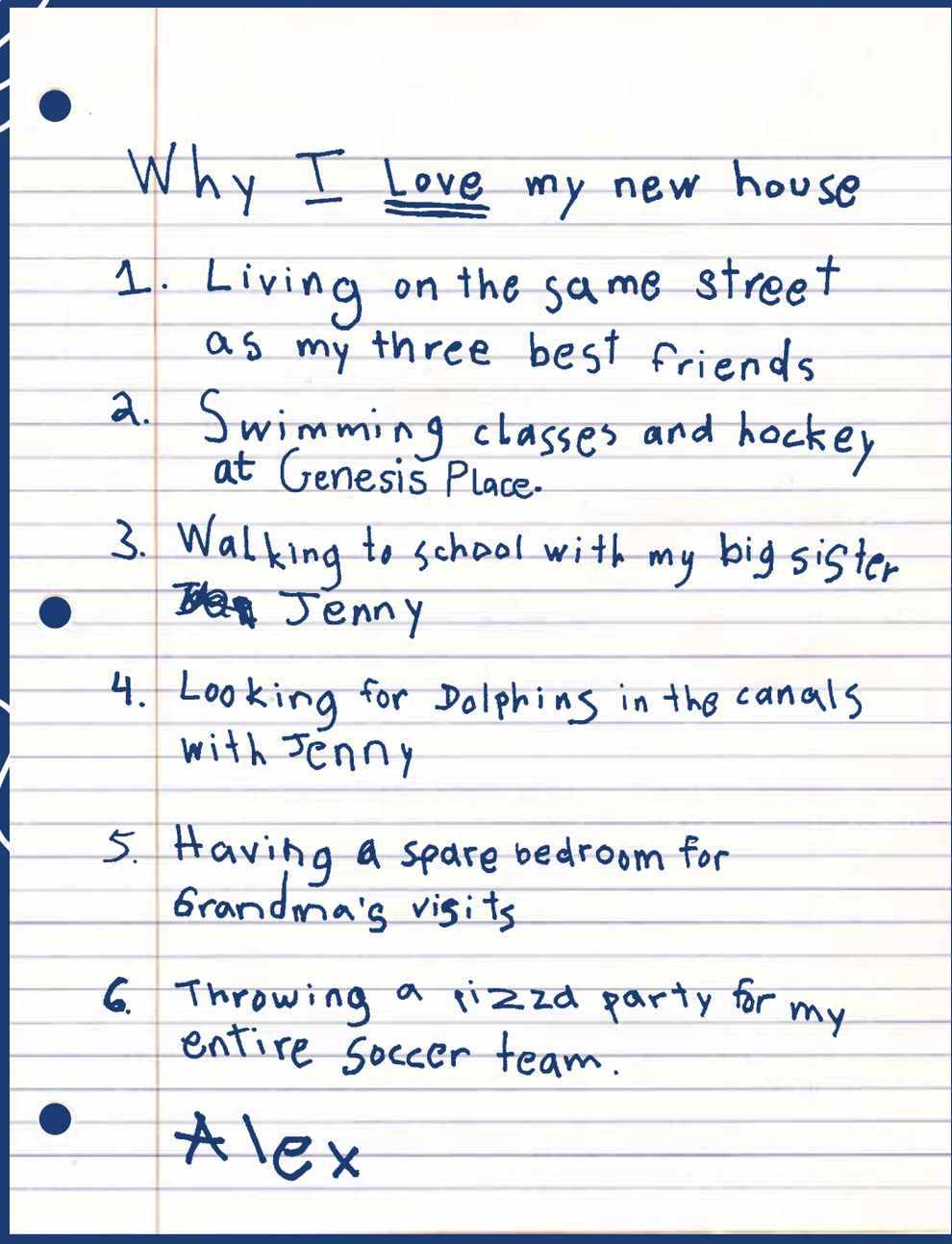

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